



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

Aspiranet currently operates the Cherish Receiving Center (Cherish) which provides a safe and nurturing environment for children 0-17 years of age who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or a disruption in foster care placement.

DISCUSSION:

The Receiving Center has served approximately 160 youth annually and continues to provide immediate services for youth taken into protective care. As of 2021, Aspiranet has successfully become the only agency in the region to obtain the newly required 72-hour Transitional Care Facility license obligated by the California Department of Social Services.

The receiving center provides Social Work staff with a safe and state-approved facility to temporarily place youth while looking for more permanent placement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreements as to form, as has the Auditor-Controller's Office as to financial provisions.

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded with a combination of Federal Child Welfare revenues, Realignment, and Wraparound-Flex funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for SOC005 are included in the FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This agreement correlates to the Well-Being and Quality of Life Strategic Plan Goal adopted by the Board of Supervisors by providing tools and services designed to help Children and families.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals:

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Economy
- Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice
- Administrative

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Attachments: Agreement

The proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.