



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

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- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three (3) future amendments that do not exceed 10% (\$74,561) of the original Agreement amount, do not significantly change the scope of services, and do not increase the total not to exceed amount over \$820,169.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Elite Family Systems, Inc. (EFS) is a Short-term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) providing residential and specialty mental health services including specialized and intensive care, support, and 24-hour supervision on a short-term basis for children and youth with complex and severe needs. The goal of the program is to provide therapeutic interventions to treat and ameliorate the behavioral health symptoms and improve function so that children and adolescents may move to a less restrictive and intensive treatment setting. This Agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2024, due to ongoing contract negotiations for Monterey County youth placed on an emergency basis. Emergency placements are conducted when current contracted providers are not able to provide the specialized residential and mental health needs of a child/youth.

This Agreement contains the County’s standard 30-day “no cause” provision (Section V, B) and an additional defunding provision (Section V, D), which provides the County the ability to amend or terminate the Agreement in the event of a reduction and/or termination of funding.

This work supports one of the County of Monterey Health Department 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Goal(s): 2) Provide Exceptional Person-Centered Care through Accessible, Community-Focused Health Services. It also supports one of the ten essential public health services, specifically: (7) Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by 2011 Realignment (50%) and Federal Financial Participation (50%). The funds for this Agreement are included in the Health Department’s Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Adopted Budget. The funds for FY 2025-26 will be included in the Department’s (HEA012, Unit 8410) Requested Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development:
 - Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.
- Administration:
 - Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.
- Health & Human Services:
 - Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services, promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.
- Infrastructure:
 - Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.
- Public Safety:
 - Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachments:
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