



# County of Monterey

**Item No.**

## Board Report

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

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**June 23, 2026**

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**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign Amendment No. 2 to non-standard Agreement A-16733 with Gender Health Training Institute, LLC to extend the term for one additional Fiscal Year and modify the scope of work to include converting available training materials into a structured digital framework with no change to the not to exceed amount of \$845,000 for a revised new term of March 4, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

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### SUMMARY:

This Amendment No. 2 provides for a final year of support for the further development, promotion and delivery and maintenance of gender affirming education, resources, and training to support LGBTQ+ youth and their families.

### DISCUSSION:

On May 24, 2023, the County of Monterey Behavioral Health Bureau received approval from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the “Rainbow Connections” Innovation Plan. This Plan aims to improve the mental health outcomes and functioning of LGBTQ+ youth and families by promoting interagency communication and collaboration across youth-serving systems, and through building capacity among youth-serving adults to identify and respond affirmatively to the needs of LGBTQ+ youth up to age 24. This is the final year of the Initiative, and Amendment No. 2 adds development of a digital framework to compile and host the training and resources developed throughout the Initiative so they are available and accessible to all.

Gender Health Training Institute, LLC, provides gender affirming education, resources, and training for mental health and medical providers, behavioral health agencies, and hospitals to improve their ability to provide professional, ethical, and knowledgeable care to transgender and gender expansive clients and their families across their lifetime.

This work supports the following County of Monterey Health Department’s 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Goals: Goal 1. Build community power and partners’ capacity to increase equity and improve health;

Goal 2. Provide exceptional person-centered care through accessible, community-focused health services. It also supports two of the ten essential public health services, specifically 7. Enable equitable access and 8. Build a diverse and skilled workforce.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved as to legal form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

The funds for this Agreement are included in the Health Department Behavioral Health Bureau (Fund 1310, Department 400005) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This Agreement will continue the development of and access to gender affirming training and resources to county staff, providers and others that work with LGBTQ+ youth and their families.

Mark a check next 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

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Attachments:

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Amendment No. 2

Board Order Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 1

Board Order Agreement

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