



County of Monterey

Item No.35

Board Report

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

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September 16, 2025

Introduced: 8/13/2025

Current Status: Health Department -
Consent

Version: 1

Matter Type: BoS Agreement

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RECOMMENDATION:

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

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

The County contracted with Telecare Corporation for services to Monterey County residents for the periods of Fiscal Years (FY) 2006-2025. Telecare Corporation administers programs at two contracted facilities, Garfield Neurobehavioral Center and Morton-Bakar Center. Both centers are licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and provide treatments covering conditions ranging from Traumatic Brain Injury and other medical debilitation to psychosocial rehabilitation and skills-building support for older adults ages fifty-seven (57) and older, with a primary diagnosis of severe mental illness.

This Agreement with Telecare Corporation is for one (1) fiscal year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, which renews and updates Agreement A-17007 ending June 30, 2025. This Agreement renews the same contract provisions with a 3% rate increase for the services provided.

Due to late and ongoing contract negotiations, with direction for an effective date of July 1, 2025, the agreement took additional time to review and agendaize, which by necessity makes the agreement

retroactive when presented to your board.

Approval of this Agreement meets the requirements of the State Welfare and Institutions Code 5600 (Bronzan-McCorquodale Act) and the California Code of Regulations Titles 9 & 22 and sustains the continuity of core services to seriously mentally ill clients of Monterey County.

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 the following County of Monterey Health Department 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Goal(s): 3) Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality 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 provisions of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by the 1991 Realignment funding. The funds for this Agreement are included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted 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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Attachment:

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Agreement