



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

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- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three future amendments that do not exceed 10% (\$24,387) of the original agreement amount, do not significantly change the scope of services, and do not increase the total not to exceed amount over \$268,262.

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) are licensed by the California Department of Social Services and provide a Mental Health Program Approval by the Department of Health Care Services. STRTPs are residential facilities that provide an integrated program of specialized and intensive care and supervision, services and supports, specialty mental health services, mental health treatment; and short-term, 24-hour care and supervision to children and youth. The program's goal is to move the youth to a less restrictive environment within six months. The care and supervision STRTPs provide are nonmedical, except as otherwise permitted by law. STRTPs are designed primarily for youth aged 12 to 20. These programs may be operated by private organizations, which must be organized and operated on a not-for-profit basis. Only state-licensed, county-contracted agencies may provide STRTP services.

DISCUSSION:

Manuch, Inc. 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 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 October 20, 2025, 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/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The Office of the 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) 2025-26 Adopted Budget and the Health Department’s Behavioral Health (Fund 1310, Department 400005) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Requested Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This work supports the Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goal(s) by providing exceptional Person-Centered Care through Accessible, Community-Focused Health Services to provide service enhancements to support well-being and quality of life.

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
- Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice

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Attachments:
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