



Board Agenda Item 26

DATE: April 25, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Susan L. Holt, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: Retroactive Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Madera

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a retroactive Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Madera for utilization of the County's Crisis Stabilization Center with Exodus Recovery, Inc. and the County's Crisis Residential Treatment Facility with Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc., effective December 29, 2022 through December 31, 2023, total not to exceed \$900,000.

Approval of the recommended action will allow for a 12-month Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Madera for utilization of the County's 24-7 facilities: Exodus Recovery, Inc. (Exodus) adult and youth Crisis Stabilization Centers (CSC) and the Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc. (Central Star) Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) facility. Madera County's hospital closed its emergency department (ED) doors to all ambulances on December 29, 2022 and subsequently Madera County residents no longer have a facility to house the individuals placed on 5150 holds pursuant to Welfare & Institution Code (W&IC) 5150. The facilities are located in District 3, but the services are available to individuals countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Non-approval of the recommended action will prevent the Department from assisting Madera County by providing beds for their residents who have been placed on a 5150 hold or are in need of short-term residential crisis care. Non-approval of the recommended action will also result in direct impact to the County's local hospital EDs.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

The recommended MOU is retroactive to December 29, 2022, the date that the Madera County hospital closed its ED to all ambulances, to cover any residents who have been placed at the CSCs or CRT since that date. The Department discussed this emergency action with the County Administrative Officer (CAO) and received approval to allow the Madera residents to be able to begin utilizing the three 24-7 facilities effective that same day.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The maximum compensation allocated for the 12-month period in the MOU is \$900,000, fully offset with Mental Health Realignment funds. The cost estimate of the MOU is calculated upon year-to-date trends for placement at the facilities at a rate of the percentage of usage by Madera County residents during each month. Madera County will be reimbursed for actual services rendered. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5630 FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget and will be requested in the FY

2023-24 Recommended Budget.

DISCUSSION:

On December 29, 2022, Madera County was forced to close the doors to the Madera Community Hospital's ED to all ambulances, leaving nowhere for the Madera residents who are placed on a 5150 hold to be admitted. Fresno County agreed to assist Madera County by allowing their residents to utilize their existing subcontracts with Exodus and Central Star for utilization of their crisis stabilization centers and crisis residential treatment facilities, respectively.

Fresno County, through its Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), and Madera County, through its Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Department, sharing the same interest, have agreed to coordinate for Madera residents to obtain services from Fresno County's CSC and CRT to address the needs of the community. This partnership will increase accessibility to services for Madera County residents who no longer have access within their own county of residence. With your Board's approval of the retroactive MOU, the County will continue to provide placements for Madera County residents at the County's CSCs or CRT.

On July 12, 2022, Fresno County entered into County Agreement #22-304 with Exodus to operate 24-7 CSCs for adults and youth who are exhibiting acute psychiatric symptoms and are admitted on a voluntary or involuntary basis by DBH, a DBH-subcontracted provider, law enforcement, hospital emergency departments, and emergency medical services transports, and/or have been placed on a 5150 hold. The Exodus CSCs are currently located at 4411 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, California 93702. CSC services are performed pursuant to W&IC sections 5704.5(b), 5704.6(c), and 5614(b)(3).

On November 14, 2017, Fresno County entered into County Agreement #17-580 (including subsequent Amendment I #17-580-1 on April 28, 2020; and Amendment II #22-540 on November 29, 2022) with Central Star to operate a 16-bed CRT 24-7 facility located at 496 S. Barton, Fresno, California 93702, for adults who are referred from the adult CSC, hospitals EDs, and other inpatient psychiatric facilities and are in need of continuing services in a residential setting. CRT services are defined in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9 Section 1810.208. The CRT program will serve adults for up to 30 days by providing therapeutic and/or rehabilitative services, in a non-institutional residential setting, through a structured program, as an alternative to hospitalization for clients experiencing an acute psychiatric episode or crisis, without medical complications requiring nursing care.

As this is a MOU between two Counties, the County's traditional insurance language and hold harmless language are modified in the recommended MOU.

OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

The Behavioral Health Board was informed of this recommended action item during the March 15, 2023, meeting.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI# 35, November 29, 2022
BAI# 36, July 12, 2022
BAI# 31.1, April 28, 2020
BAI# 34, November 14, 2017

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - MOU with County of Madera

CAO ANALYST:

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