



Board Agenda Item 40

DATE: June 20, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Agreement with Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) for Longitudinal Integrated Fresno Experience (LIFE) Clinical Learning Experiences

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) for the provision of clinical learning experiences as part of the Longitudinal Integrated Fresno Experience (LIFE) program, effective July 1, 2023, not to exceed five consecutive years, which includes a three-year base contract and two optional one-year extensions (\$0).

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Approval will provide for UCSF to conduct the Longitudinal Integrated Fresno Experience (LIFE) program, which is an integrated clerkship designed to address the core competencies for Family and Community Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, and Psychiatry made available to UCSF third year medical students in order to obtain clinical learning experiences. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Should your Board not approve the recommended action, UCSF medical students in the LIFE program will not obtain necessary clinical learning experiences. Additionally, the County will not benefit from the opportunity to engage students that may return as future employees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action, as there is no exchange of funds.

DISCUSSION:

On July 9, 2019, The Board approved a retroactive agreement for the provision of clinical learning experiences as part of the Longitudinal Integrated Fresno Experience (LIFE) program. The UCSF LIFE program first became operative on August 1, 2018. The UCSF LIFE program is designed to provide medical students with educational experiences that adapt to the changing healthcare delivery systems, underserved populations, evolving health information systems, and increase focus on patient-centered illness models. The overarching goals of the program are to expose students to the unique blend of rural and urban underserved patient population that exists in the Central Valley. The students will be expected to gain an appreciation of the socioeconomic diversity of the area and the impact this can have on health care delivery. Finally, additional experiences will be offered in wilderness medicine, homeless shelters, and other unique

opportunities available in the community.

The opportunity to provide clinical and field experience to students participating in the UCSF LIFE program enhances services for Fresno County clients, as well as provides the students with the awareness of the challenges and rewards of working with clients. The County benefits from this recommended agreement as it provides a training opportunity for potential future employees, as well as a testing ground for the County to identify talent and recruit qualified employees after graduation.

OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

The Behavioral Health Board was informed of the recommended agreement at its April 19, 2023 meeting.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #41, July 9, 2019

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with UCSF

CAO ANALYST:

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