

Emergency Amendments to County Agreements A-20-238 and A-17-580 for Standby and Alternative Services

Recitals

- A. The County of Fresno (County), and Central Star Behavioral Health Inc. (Contractor), are parties to County Agreements A-20-238 and A-17-580 as amended from time to time, whereby Contractor, operates and provides services to the County at the County's Youth Psychiatric Health Facility (A-20-238), and Adult Crisis Residential Treatment facility (A-17-580).
- B. On or about Saturday, June 18, 2022, there was a power outage at the County facilities leased by Contractor to house youth within the Youth Psychiatric Health Facility and related contracted services, which also impacted the operation of the Adult Crisis Residential Treatment facility and related contracted services. The power outage has continued at least partially through the date of this Emergency Amendment and has disrupted services and operations that would otherwise have been provided by Contractor under County Agreements A-20-238 and A-17-580, as amended.
- C. As a result, youth requiring immediate inpatient psychiatric health facility services and adults requiring immediate mental health crisis residential treatment services have had to be retained at emergency departments at various hospitals and other facilities throughout the County. This in turn has created a shortage of beds in hospital emergency departments at a critical time while the State of California remains under a declaration of emergency by the Governor due to the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency. Recent increased COVID-19 case numbers in the County have exacerbated the strain on hospital emergency departments.
- D. Because of the disruption of work caused by the power outage, some employees of the Contractor will not be paid for work that had been previously scheduled at the County facilities and this creates the risk that Contractor will not be able to retain said critical mental health and related administrative workers necessary to ensure that the County youth inpatient psychiatric health facility, and the adult crisis residential treatment facility will be able to operate at a sufficient capacity upon full restoration of power to alleviate the strain on hospital emergency departments caused by the backlog of patients in need of such mental health services.
- E. These Emergency Amendments are made by the County Administrative Officer under Fresno County Ordinance Code, section 2.44.060 to ensure the continuation of critical mental health and physical health infrastructure.

Terms

1. Contractor shall, during the period of time during which services or operations under County Agreements A-20-238 and A-17-580 are disrupted due the power outage commencing on or about June 18, 2022 and continuing until June 30, 2022, maintain services provided by Contractor's employees under these agreements to the fullest extent possible by reassigning said employees to alternative work that is reimbursable under the terms of the Agreements or to other necessary mental health services or related administrative work as designated by the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health.
2. To the extent that Contractor employees that would have regularly worked scheduled shifts at the County facilities affected by the power outage described above are not able to be scheduled for other assignments reimbursable under the terms of Agreements A-20-238 and A-17-250, the County agrees that it shall pay reimbursements at the rate specified in said agreements for other work designated by the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health or to standby hours that are demonstrated by the Contractor to be necessary to retain such employees to provide full operational capacity of the County youth inpatient psychiatric health facility, and the adult crisis stabilization treatment site as power is restored. Such reimbursements under the Emergency Amendments to Agreements A-20-238 and A-17-580 shall be limited to a maximum of two hundred eighty-four thousand one hundred seventeen dollars (\$284,117.00).
 - a. The maximum amount currently payable under Agreement A-20-238 as amended is hereby increased by the amount of one hundred seventy-five thousand eight hundred sixty-six dollars (\$175,866.00) if necessary to accommodate for the additional compensation provided for in this Emergency Amendment.
 - b. The maximum amount currently payable under Agreement A-17-580 as amended is hereby increased by the amount of one hundred eight thousand two hundred fifty-one dollars (\$108,251.00) if necessary to accommodate for the additional compensation provided for in this Emergency Amendment.

County of Fresno

By: _____
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County Administrative Officer and Director of Emergency Services

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By: _____
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Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector

Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc.

By: _____
Printed Name:
Title:

For Accounting Purposes Only:

Org: 5630
Fund: 0001
Subclass: 10000
Budget Year: 2022