



# County of Fresno

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DATE: December 11, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Amina Flores-Becker, Deputy CAO

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 29 - Amendment I to Agreement with California State University, Fresno Foundation

**Agenda Item  
Number:**

**29**

This memo is being submitted to respond to the following question(s) related to the subject agenda item scheduled for December 12, 2023.

## **Question Presented**

What is The Lodge and what services are provided through this program? Who is contracted to operate and provide services at The Lodge?

## **Response**

The Lodge is a residential facility funded through MHSA Innovations funding. The Lodge provides a temporary maximum stay of 90 days to individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with a serious mental illness. The purpose of The Lodge is to engage and entice residents to participate in behavioral health services and supports through interaction with a peer support specialist in a safe setting. Once a resident agrees to enter into services, an onsite clinician does the initial assessment and the resident is linked to behavioral health service.

On December 15, 2020, your Board approved an agreement with RH Community Builders for The Lodge. RH Community Builders was awarded this service agreement through a competitive RFP process. The agreement was subsequently extended by your Board on June 20, 2023, and then amended on July 18, 2023. The staff providing services on site at The Lodge are employed by RH Community Builders.

This program is a pilot and because of its funding source, requires evaluation of effectiveness and sustainability which is the service that the CSU Fresno Foundation have performed and, if your Board agrees, will continue to support through the proposed amendment in Agenda Item 29.

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