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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for Jennifer Yasumoto - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Partnership HealthPlan of California (Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Revenue Memorandum of Understanding with Partnership HealthPlan of California in the amount of \$153,951 for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 to provide funding for the Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of today's action will enable the County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) to participate in the Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Incentive Program. The purpose of BHI is to incentivize improvement of physical and behavioral health outcomes, care delivery efficiency, and patient experience by establishing or expanding fully integrated care in a Medi-Cal managed health by coordinating primary care, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Alcohol & Drug Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	While approval of this Agreement is not mandatory it supports a project that will ensure Napa County Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) clients are accessing primary health care throughout their substance use treatment.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This Agreement terminates on December 31, 2022. Appropriations are included in the approved Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget and future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this Agreement is not approved Napa County ADS will not receive the Behavioral Health Integration Grant that will fund activities to ensure systems are in place to support initial and continuous patient linkage between physical, mental and substance use disorder services.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) is a non-profit community-based healthcare organization that contracts with the State of California to provide Medi-Cal services in fourteen counties in Northern California (including Napa County), under a County Organized Health System model.

In February 2020, HHSA's Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) applied for the Behavioral Health Integration Grant offered through the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and PHC. This grant was originally scheduled to be awarded in April 2020, but due to the public health emergency, it was delayed. On November 6, 2020, HHSA-ADS was notified that they were awarded a grant to support a project that will ensure all ADS clients are accessing primary health care throughout their substance use treatment.

The funding will be used to support a half-time Bilingual Mental Health Worker Aide who will work with all incoming ADS clients to access primary health care services. Following the end of the grant period (December 2022), the cost for this position will be offset through Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (care coordination). Additionally, this project will allow ADS to bring in more revenue, as treatment episodes and services are frequently disallowed by Medi-Cal due to a lack of physical exam in the client's medical record. This position would help to ensure that 100% of ADS clients obtain a physical examine if they have not had one in the last year, thereby preventing future disallowances.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri