



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Mary Butler - Interim Director
Health & Human Services Administration

REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Employee Support and Development/Contracts Manager - 253-4720

SUBJECT: Agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

RECOMMENDATION

Interim Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, for a maximum of \$155,250 for the term October 30, 2018 through December 31, 2020 to provide medical respite care for homeless clients of County's Whole Person Care Pilot Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this action will enable Catholic Charities, through its Napa Nightingale program to provide medical respite services to clients of County's Health and Human Services Agency's Whole Person Care Pilot program that have been discharged from local hospitals.

Respite services include:

- | room and board with twenty-four hour supervision;
- | access to showers and laundry facilities,
- | three meals per day;
- | coordination of medical services, including transportation; and
- | provide clients a place to recover for up to a maximum stay of six months, per client/per year.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa's Napa Nightingale program is located in Napa.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | HHSA - HOMELESS & HOUSING 20008-01 |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to contract Whole Person Care funding to Catholic Charities Diocese of Santa Rose known as Napa Nightingale. Contracting these funds will allow for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Santa Rose to provide medical respite care to homeless clients. |
| Is the general fund affected? | No |
| Future fiscal impact: | Commencement of this multi-year contract begins upon approval of this contract and ends December 2020. |
| Consequences if not approved: | If this agreement is not approved, Napa County will be unable to offer medical respite care to homeless clients. Oftentimes, homeless persons are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury on the streets but are not ill enough to be in a hospital and require short-term residential treatment prior to returning to the community. |
| 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

According to the National Council on Homeless Healthcare Medical Respite Standards Study (2016), "medical respite programs promote connections to primary and behavioral healthcare and decrease hospital utilization; thus improving efficiency and reducing costs in health systems". Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) through its Whole Person Care Pilot (WPC) will partner with Catholic Charities Diocese of Santa Rosa, known as Napa Nightingale to provide medical respite care to homeless clients.

Napa Nightingale provides respite care for homeless persons who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury on the streets but are not ill enough to be in a hospital. They provide short-term residential care that allows homeless individuals the opportunity to rest in a safe environment while accessing medical care and other supportive services. People experiencing homelessness suffer profound disparities in health and mortality compared to the general population. Napa Nightingale is the only non-profit in Napa County who provides this service to homeless clients at no cost. In addition to medical respite care, Napa Nightingale will provide outreach, care coordination, case management, and discharge planning for homeless clients found to be in need of medical respite care.

The WPC Pilot is designed to test service interventions to reduce the unnecessary utilization of emergency and health services in the community. Medical respite care is offered as one such intervention.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri