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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Howard Himes - Director
Health & Human Services Administration
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Department of State Hospitals (CONREP)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the Department of State Hospitals for a maximum of \$554,867 for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 for the Forensic Conditional Release Program (CONREP) services in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under State law, certain individuals on Penal Code commitments to State hospitals are granted conditional release into specific community mental health treatment programs. Approval of the requested action will make available \$554,867 in State funding for the County's participation in the Conditional Release Program (CONREP) for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

Staff received notification from the State about this agreement in late March 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate for

the County to participate in the State's Conditional Release Program (CONREP). However, the State provides funding for the County to maintain CONREP participants in the community by providing the mental health services they need.

Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement covers FY2016-17 and FY2017-18. It will expire on June 30, 2018.
Consequences if not approved:	If the agreement is not approved, HHSA will not receive funding for CONREP enrolled participants.
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

Under the State-funded Forensic Conditional Release Program (CONREP), the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) contracts with county mental health programs or private contract providers to provide direct outpatient treatment of State Hospital patients who are found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity for felony crimes, and for prison inmates who meet statutory criteria as Mentally Disordered Offenders (MDO) and who are ordered into mental health treatment as a condition of parole. CONREP reintegrates these individuals back into the community by providing the appropriate level of supervision and mental health services for individuals placed on outpatient status. DSH requires that CONREP patients have direct access to a full range of mental health services during their period of outpatient treatment. These services include individual and group therapies, collateral contacts, home visits, substance abuse screenings, psychological assessments, and other needed supplemental mental health services. DSH has developed performance standards for these services that set minimum treatment and supervision levels for all CONREP patients to be provided by the County. DSH additionally specifies that specialized forensic mental health clinicians are essential to the effective management of CONREP patients in the community. Consequently, a Forensic Mental Health Counselor (FMHC) is responsible for managing Napa County's current CONREP caseload of up to ten individuals and ensuring that they receive an appropriate array of mental health services to maintain their placement in the outpatient program.

CONREP operates as a hybrid fee for service system, and State contracts are based and funded on an anticipated annual program cost of providing services under specific mandated performance standards. Approval of the requested action will enable the County to receive \$554,867 in State funds for the operation of CONREP for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. The funding being provided by the State is based on a contract budget prepared and submitted by the County and approved by the State Department of Hospitals. The County's CONREP costs include the costs of clinical, supervisory and administrative staffing (1.0 FTE Forensic Mental Health Counselor [FMHC] position and 25% of the costs of the FMHC's supervisor and a clerical support position), direct services (board and care, on-call coverage, and medication support), operating expenses (medications, communications, etc.) and administrative overhead costs associated with

the program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula