NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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       Health & Human Services Administration
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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with the California Department of State Hospitals (CONREP)

RECOMMENDATION
Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 170907B with the California Department of State Hospitals increasing the amount by $385,041 for a new maximum of $1,145,122, extending the term for one year through June 30, 2021 and replacing Exhibit B with Exhibit B-1 to incorporate new budget details and payment provisions to provide specialty mental health services to participants of the State’s Conditional Release Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The purpose of today’s requested action is to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 170907B with the Department of State Hospitals. This amendment extends the agreement by one year for a new term of July 1, 2018 through June 30th, 2021 and will add $385,041 to the new maximum amount of $1,145,122. Exhibit B is also replaced in its entirety with Exhibit B-1 to incorporate new Budget Detail and Payment Provisions.

Approval of the requested action will enable the County to receive $1,145,122 in State funds to provide specialty mental health services to participants of the State’s Conditional Release Program.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT
Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes
Where is it budgeted? Health & Human Services Mental Health 20002-00
Discretionary

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 to counties for mental health services and supervision in order to maintain CONREP participants in the community.

No

This Agreement is being extended through June 30, 2021. This revenue is included in the requested Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

This funding allows Napa County Health and Human Services Mental Health Division to provide treatment services to CONREP participants. The County has a significant interest in protecting the community by supervising those released back into the community who require appropriate supervision and services. This funding enables the County to offset most of the costs of this program.

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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 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 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 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.
The funding being provided by the State is based on a contract budget prepared and submitted by the County and approved by DSH. The County's CONREP costs include the costs of clinical, supervisory and administrative staffing for one full-time Forensic Mental Health Counselor position and 25% of the costs of the supervisor and a clerical support position. The funding also supports direct services including board and care, on-call coverage, and medication support; operating expenses such as medications and communications; and administrative overhead costs associated with the program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation:  Approve
Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri