



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject Mental Health Student Services Act Grant Agreement	Board Meeting Date September 22, 2020	Agenda Number 11
Dept: Health and Human Services Agency Div: Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health Program Contact: Kristin Stranger Preparer: Andrea Troublefield Phone: (209) 754-6525	Supervisory District Number	Consent Agenda
Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No		Estimated Time: 0 Minutes
Type of Document? Non Resolution Agreement PowerPoint Presentation Included? No Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No		

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize 1) the Health and Human Services Agency Director to execute Agreement #19MHSOAC078 with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, resulting in revenue in the amount of \$2,500,000 over the four year period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024; and 2) to execute amendment(s) to Agreement #19MHSOAC078, if any, so long as they do not affect the not to exceed amount.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA), is a competitive grant program that was established to fund partnerships between county behavioral health departments and local education entities for the purpose of increasing access to mental health services in local elementary schools, locations that are easily accessible to students and their families. The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is awarding MHSSA competitive grants totaling \$75 million dollars over a four-year period.

On December 12, 2019, the MHSOAC released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the MHSSA Grant, with funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The collaborative planning for the grant application began in December 2019. On January 17, 2020, a letter of intent to apply was submitted by the Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health Services Division (as the lead agency), and in collaboration with the Calaveras County Office of Education.

The application for this grant was originally due on May 8, 2020, but was extended to June 12, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Four small counties were selected for funding as New or Emerging Partnerships, with Calaveras County’s application receiving the highest score among the ten county applicants.

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This funding will be used to provide on-campus mental wellness “centers” at all elementary schools in Calaveras County. Working in concert with school counselors and administrators, a team of mental wellness professionals will establish a regular presence at elementary schools for training and relationship-building, and be deployed around the county for special events and circumstances. The services include trainings for staff, students and families in coping and resiliency skills; targeted interventions for students experiencing trauma or other mental health stresses; and specific treatment for students exhibiting higher level symptoms. Services will be available to every student, regardless of insurance or income eligibility.

Planning is currently in process to assess how best to provide these services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially mental health services will be accessed through student and family consultation using video conferencing. Once school campuses resume in-person education, in-person support services will be available.

FINANCING:

The maximum revenue anticipated under this Grant Agreement is two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) over the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024. Revenue associated with this Grant Agreement are budgeted for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 (Mental Health Program Budget Org. Key 10620010-Obj. Code 4456) and will be included in subsequent FYs for the duration of this agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

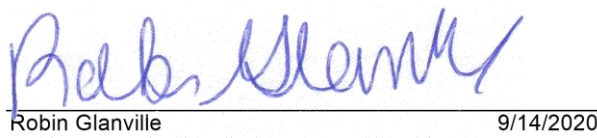
The Board of Supervisors (Board) may choose to do any of the following:

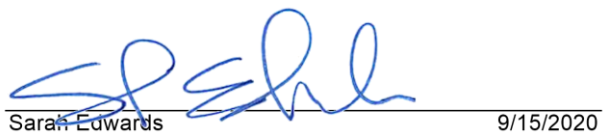
- a) Uphold the Departmental recommendation to approve the Agreement; or
- b) Continue the item to another date for further consideration. This option is not recommended unless the Board specifically requests additional information which cannot be obtained during this meeting; or
- c) Deny the request. This is not recommended because this funding is competitive and will be used to provide much needed mental health services for Calaveras students and their families.

APPROVED BY:


Kristin Stranger, Director of Health & Human Services 9/4/2020


Albert Sit, County Administrative Officer 9/10/2020


Robin Glanville 9/14/2020


Sarah Edwards 9/15/2020