



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject LocumTenens.com Agreement	Board Meeting Date June 25, 2019	Agenda Number 11
Dept: Health and Human Services Agency Div: Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health Program Contact: Kristin Stranger Phone: (209) 754-6525	Supervisory District Number Countywide	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 the Board Chair to execute an Agreement with LocumTenens.com for the provision of certain mental health services, including psychiatry services, on an as-needed basis for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$670,000.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The Calaveras Health and Human Services Agency – Behavioral Health Division Mental Health Program (MHP) is responsible for ensuring the provision of specialty mental health services, including psychiatric and medication services, to seriously mentally ill adults and severely emotionally disturbed children. Historically, the MHP has utilized psychiatrists for evaluation and medication management through a contract with LocumTenens.com. LocumTenens.com is a company that employs mental health professionals to furnish mental health services via telemedicine and in-person.

In May 2017, the Health and Human Services Agency released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking qualified candidates and/or organizations to provide psychiatric services to MHP consumers. LocumTenens.com was a respondent to this RFQ and met necessary requirements.

In 2015, the MHP’s staff psychiatrist responsible for providing adult services retired, making it necessary to contract for additional psychiatry services.

FINANCING:

Approval of this Agreement will have no impact on the County General Fund.

Psychiatry services under this Agreement are supported by Medi-Cal reimbursements and local Mental Health Realignment funds. The maximum amount to be paid under this Agreement is six hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$670,000) for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Expenditures for this Agreement have been appropriately budgeted for Fiscal Year 2019/201620010-5271.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose to do any of the following:

- A. Uphold the department's recommendation to approve the Agreement;
- 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 since there is no negative economic impact to the County.

APPROVED BY:


Kristin Stranger, Director of Health & Human Services 6/7/2019


Diane Severud, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 6/10/2019


Sarah DeKay 6/13/2019


Albert, County Administrative Officer 6/14/2019