COUNTY OF GLENN
BOARD REPORT

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY / AGREEMENT - SIERRA MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP
Submitted by Health & Human Services Agency
January 21, 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is seeking approval from the Board to sign an Agreement with Sierra Mental Wellness Group, for the purpose of providing after hours crisis services to clients of Glenn County in the amount of $178,544.00 per fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Director, or designee, to sign an Agreement between the HHSA and Sierra Mental Wellness Group, and to modify or amend the Agreement contingent upon the review and approval of County Counsel, County Administrative Officer, and the Department of Finance in an amount not to exceed $178,544.00 per fiscal year.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:

Sierra Mental Wellness Group is a mental health services provider that provides individual, couple and family counseling, crisis services, child and adolescent programs, and comprehensive mental health assessments. Sierra Mental Wellness Group will provide after-hours crisis services to clients of Glenn County, responding to all phone calls for crisis services via the Glenn County 24/7 Access line, providing both direct crisis services over the phone as appropriate, as well as call outs to the Glenn Medical Center (GMC) Emergency Room for face-to-face evaluations when necessary.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACTS(S):

This request does not require the use of County General Funds. This will be funded through Medi-Cal, state general fund, realignment, or Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) or Proposition 63 was approved by voters in 2004, and enacted into law on January 1, 2005. It places a 1% tax on personal income above $1 million; since that time, it has generated approximately $15 billion. MHSA emphasizes transformation of the mental health system while improving the quality of life for Californians living with a mental illness.

The passage of the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act in 1991 realigned funds for mental health programs
from the state to the counties, including: all community-based mental health services, state hospital
services for civil commitments and mental health long-term nursing facility care. Later in 2011,
additional Realignment legislation shifted more funding from the state to the counties, including: law
1 enforcement, social services and behavioral health services. (W&I Div. 5)

In accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 9, Part 3, Chapter 8.9, which
covers services to Mental Health Medi-Cal recipients, the County is reimbursed for and is required to
provide Medi Cal Specialty Mental Health Managed Care, including: MH Early and Periodic Screening,
Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) for children and youth, Drug Medi Cal, including EPSDT, Drug
Courts, Perinatal Drug Services, Non Drug Medi Cal Services, Substance Use Early and Periodic
Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment.

**APPROVERS:**
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Contract Cover Sheet

Proposed Agreement w/ Sierra Mental Wellness Group

Justification for Sole Source Contract