



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: October 5, 2021

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Todd Metcalf, MPA, Director Lake County Behavioral Health Services

Subject: Approve the Agreement between County of Lake and the Lake County Office of Education for the Mental Health Student Services Act Program for Fiscal Year 2021-26 in the amount of \$2,112,250.00 and authorize the chair to sign

Executive Summary:

In early 2020, Lake County Behavioral Health Services (LCBHS), in partnership with the Lake County Office of Education (LCOE), applied for a Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant, which was offered by the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). This competitive grant was designed to incentivize partnerships between behavioral health departments and education agencies for the purpose of increasing access to mental health services in locations that are easily accessible to students and their families. The grant was designed to provide support services that include, at a minimum, services provided on school campuses, suicide prevention services, drop-out prevention services, placement assistance and service plans for students in need of ongoing services, and outreach to high-risk youth, including foster youth, youth who identify as LGBTQ, and youth who have been expelled or suspended from school. LCBHS and LCOE designed a proposal that would include additional mental health staff for LCOE to provide services and increase access to mental health interventions. Unfortunately, due to the competitive nature of the grant, Lake County was not awarded the grant.

However, one pandemic later, in April of 2021, the MHSOAC contacted Lake County about revising the grant for Lake County. The State of California was budgeting funding to assist youth and students returning to school with mental health needs brought about or exacerbated by the pandemic and using this grant as a means to distribute that funding. As Lake County was a close runner-up on their first round of funding, we were now at the top of the list for additional funding. LCBHS and LCOE agreed they were still interested in the grant, recognizing the need due to the pandemic. Following the passage of the State Budget in late June, MHSOAC was able to initiate the agreement. The Board adopted a Resolution on 09/28/2021 which authorized the behavioral health director to sign the standard agreement and grant claim form with the MHSOAC.

Due to the requirements of the MHSSA grant, the funding will come to LCBHS, who will in turn distribute to LCOE. The agreement before the Board outlines the implementation of the MHSSA

program. Both LCBHS and LCOE believe this is a great opportunity for the County and its students, bringing in funding to address the mental health needs of youth.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: \$2,112,250.00 Amount Budgeted: \$2,112,250.00 Additional Requested: N/A Future Annual Cost: N/A

Consistency with Vision 2028 (check all that apply):

☐ Not applicable

- ☒ Well-being of Residents
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☒ Community Collaboration

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Business Process Efficiency

- ☐ Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery
- ☐ County Workforce
- ☐ Clear Lake

Recommended Action:

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