

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
Board of Supervisors**

Today's
Date:
04/16/2019

CIRCLE ONE:

General Public
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REQUEST TO SPEAK (2-minute limit)
CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

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Your Name: Julia Nierenberg Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd, Concord CA Phone or Email: _____

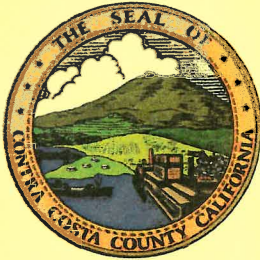
SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED:

Mental Health budget

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I am here with my team to request an increase in the county's mental health budget on behalf of Seneca Family of Agencies. Within my short tenure at the agency, I have come to understand the necessity and importance of the work we do in supporting and advocating for our kids and families within Contra Costa County.



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Your Name: Lori Stomvick Representing: Seneca
Address: 800 CRYSTON Phone or Email: _____

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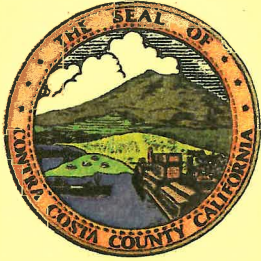
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children and families in Contra Costa Co. We would
appreciate the support from the Board of Supervisors
in being able to provide a salary ~~that~~ that will
retain and attract the very best mental health
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Today's
Date:
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Your Name: Audra Higbee Representing: Seneca FOA
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd. Phone or Email: [REDACTED]
Concord, CA 94520

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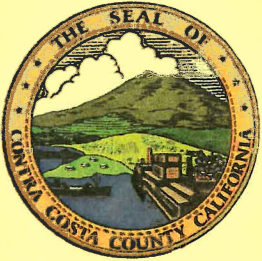
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Your Name: Beth Harvey Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd. Concord, CA Phone or Email: beth_harvey@senecacenter.org

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Seneca offers mental health services for youth and family in CCC. We need provider salaries that are comparable to county providers, in order to retain the best possible professionals in the field to participate in direct service to the most vulnerable in our community!



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Your Name: Leilia Mendoza Representing: Seneca
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd Concord Phone or Email: _____

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Your Name: Anna Mitchell Representing: Seneca
Address: 34 Montana St., Richmond Phone or Email: _____

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~~Mental Health Budget~~
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Please write comment here if you wish not to speak.

Please hear our comments in support
of paying mental health workers a
living wage!



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Your Name: Jennifer Blanza Representing: Seneca
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd. Concord Phone or Email: _____

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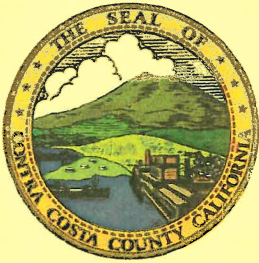
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Please consider increasing rates for mental health services
in order to help support paying employees a living wage.



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Today's
Date:
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Your Name: MELISSA LAWTON Representing: SENeca FOA
Address: [REDACTED] DR Phone or Email: [REDACTED]
SAN LEONARD 94578

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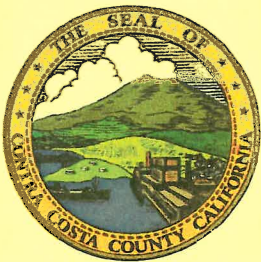
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~~CLAS MATING @ SENeca~~
MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

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Please write comment here if you wish not to speak.

PLEASE HEAR OUR COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PROVIDING
STATE MEMBERS A LIVING WAGE AT THE WORK TO GIVE
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES.



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Your Name: Soujin Gose Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 1000 Pleasant Hill Phone or Email: _____

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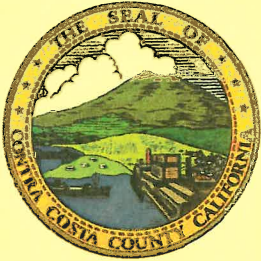
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Seneca Family of Agencies continues to provide needed, high quality services to our youth & families. Please explore the MH budget!



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Your Name: Alicia Houston Representing: Seneca FOA
Address: 6925 Chabot Rd Phone or Email: _____
Oakland

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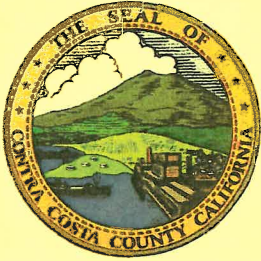
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~~I would like to add my~~
~~time to Ken Bonnick~~

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Please write comment here if you wish not to speak.

Thank you for your time & consideration
today. Please consider our comments today
as related to the difficult work our
staff do everyday & our need to pay
them a living wage.



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Your Name: Alexa Bottoli Representing: Seneca FOA
Address: [redacted] Rd. Phone or Email: _____
Oakland

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mental health budget

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Thank you for your time and
consideration around increasing our
mental health budget to provide
living wages for our employees!



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Your Name: Jessica Eschman Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: [redacted] ^{land} Phone or Email: jessie-eschman@senecacenter.org

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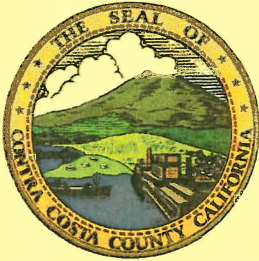
Mental Health Budget

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Please write comment here if you wish not to speak.

We are proud to serve Contra Costa County and appreciate your time today. Please consider supporting our staff in receiving a wage that allows them to continue their commitment to and care for the residents of Contra Costa.

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Your Name: Amy Kirsztaj Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: [redacted] Phone or Email: _____

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mental health budget

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Thank you for your time today on such a key issue. As part of an agency that provides important mental health work in Contra Costa County, I fully support the effort to increase the mental health budget in an effort to raise wages for mental health workers.



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Your Name: Lauren Crutsinger Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 3700 Clayton, Concord Phone or Email: lauren.crutsinger@senecacenter.org

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mental health budget

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seneca staff work very hard to provide exceptional
services to children, youth, and families. Their
dedication to unconditional ^{care} ~~services~~ and flexible
and creative service delivery is unwavering.
Please support us in compensating our staff at
fair and appropriate wages.



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Your Name: Janet Briggs Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
 Address: SL Phone or Email: Janet.Briggs@seneca
center.org

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SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED: MH Budget

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Our Agency provides services to family & children
 in ca. we are here to support an
 increase in MH funding to continue
 to allow us provide services, by allowing
 us to increase salaries for our
 staff to be competitive with the
 bay area.



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Your Name: Shane Patterson Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 300 Clayton Road Phone or Email: 910 377 7114
CONCORD CA

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mental health budget

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Please support an increase in the mental health
budget so our state can continue to provide
outstanding and unconditional services for the
children and families in Contra Costa Co.



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Your Name: Laurie Scarborough Representing: Seneca
Address: 3200 Clayton Road Phone or Email: 925-393-2069

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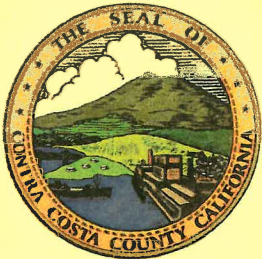
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Seneca Family of Agencies supports so many children and families in need in Contra Costa County. We would appreciate support in providing our staff a salary that allows them to live in the bay area and continue to provide exceptional mental health services to Contra Costa County children and families.



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Your Name: Jasrar Shalabi Representing: Seneca
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA Phone or Email: 94522

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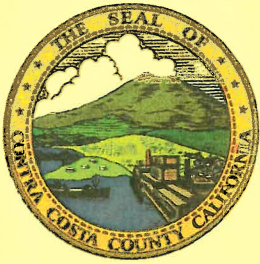
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Our Agency (Seneca) provides
exceptional services to children & their
families. Due to the increase of
cost of living in Contra Costa, it is
becoming extremely difficult to continue
to provide well needed services. We
are asking the board of Supervisors
to consider increasing the mental health
budget, not just for professions like our
selfes, but for the people of our
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Your Name: Dallas Fletcher Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: _____ 94523 Phone or Email: _____

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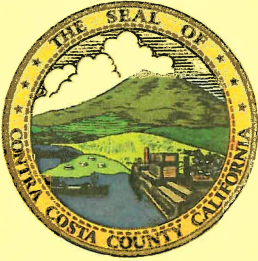
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As a resident of CCC, I know that the cost of living continues to rise. As an employee of Seneca Family of Agencies, I know the County has been a longtime excellent partner of our work with vulnerable children and families with mental health needs. Please consider increasing funding for mental health ~~services~~ services. Thank you!



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Today's
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4/26/19

Your Name: Rachel Norris Representing: Seneca

Address: Walnut Creek, CA 94598 Phone or Email: Rachel-Norris@SenecaCenter.org

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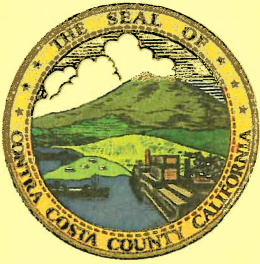
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Seneca Family of Agencies provides essential services to the youth and families of Contra Costa County. To continue offering the highest quality of services, Seneca needs increased mental health funding to pay its employees a fair, living wage. As a resident of the County, I support increased funding for MH providers.



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Your Name: Sarah Accorazzo Representing: Seneca
Address: [redacted] Phone or Email: Sarah.Accorazzo@senecacenter.org

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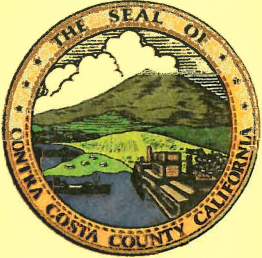
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As a staff person at Seneca Family of Agencies,
I am grateful for the Board's support for any possible
increase in funding for mental health services.



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Your Name: Kaycee Hasan Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 3200 clayton Rd. Concord, CA. Phone or Email: Kaycee-Hasan@seneca-center.org

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Seneca is an amazing agencies that has done amazing work within the county. As a person who supports and does the work with our most vulnerable and high risk families, I must say the work is invaluable. Please ^{help} support the work that we do and sustain it by ~~increasing~~ ^{or by} considering increases to the contracts.



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Your Name: Verlesha Smith Representing: Seneca
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd, Concord Phone or Email: verlesha.smith@senecacenter.org

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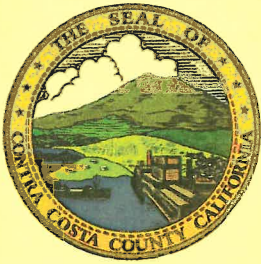
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The work we do with families and children is invaluable.
Please help support us by helping to sustain the work we do.



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04/16/19

Your Name: Sarah Aldaimalani Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd, Concord Phone or Email: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED:

Mental health budget

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I am here to request an increase in the mental health budget on behalf of Seneca Family of Agencies. As a community based clinician, this work is very meaningful to me. I believe we do important, often preventative, work with the youth and families of Contra Costa County; however it is becoming increasingly difficult to survive financially in this Bay Area. I do not want to have to choose between the work I care deeply about and a job that pays more. The citizens of Contra Costa deserve high quality care and that involves working with clinicians and staff who are well supported and fairly paid.



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Your Name: Ronald R Mabou Representing: Youth Homes Inc

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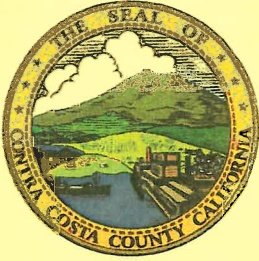
SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED:

Health Services
Mental Health
Behavioral Health

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Workforce costs for CBOs continue to grow. Services can not be provided without skilled staff. The Bay Area housing costs are a significant barrier to staff retention and work satisfaction. Reimbursement increases to CBOs is essential to reasonable cost of living wage increases for direct service staff. Maintaining a stable workforce is necessary to providing effective services and achieving service goals. The investment into workforce wages reduces long-term workforce expenses in training, unemployment services, insurance, food and housing services, etc. Investing in our workforce improves CCC budget stability.



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Your Name: Candy Espino Representing: Youth Homes, Inc.
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Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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We are deeply concerned with the lack of increase in MFT contracts in Contra Costa County. 3% is simply not enough to pay a living wage to our employees. As a Contra Costa County ONLY agency, we are being crippled by the lack of our appropriate increases over the years. We are unable to hire and retain exceptional employees due to our lower rate of pay. We regularly lose staff to neighboring counties due to higher pay. Because of this, Contra Costa County is losing employees, who spend money & boost the economy here, as well as the most important element - We are losing skilled workers, who focus on serving children & families in this county. While we are grateful to have a 3% increase, the Board of Supervisors should hear that this is simply not enough and we respectfully request an 8-10% increase for the 2020 Budget Year.



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**Today's
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Your Name: Stephanie Downs Representing: Youth Homes, Inc.
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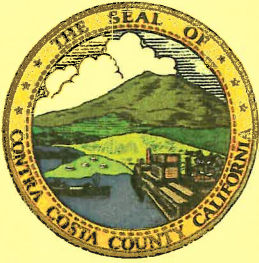
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I am here to support an increase in the rates paid to CBOs, especially who provide mental healthy behavioral health services. The cost of living in the Bay Area & especially in CCC has continued to significantly increase; in order for CBOs to offer competitive salaries, retain staff & to offer high quality M.H services, it is imperative that they^(we) are compensated at rates that keep up with the cost of living, as many other California Counties have consistently done.



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Today's
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Your Name: MARILYN LUCEY Representing: MYSELF
Address: [REDACTED] Phone or Email: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED:

SHERIFF BUDGET

SHERIFF OVERSIGHT

HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider (Use the back of this form)

* May I have a copy of ^{all} the budget presentations? MARILYN.LUCEY@GMAIL.COM
(to share w/ family, friends, communities of interest)
Please write comment here if you wish not to speak.

As a community member I was aghast at Atty. General Becerra's report and the discrepancy between the findings in that report versus the Sheriff's investigation of his own department's wrongdoing. When we cannot trust ~~any~~ our elected person's ability to put the public before their own self-preservation (ego), it calls into question all decisions made by this public servant. He has a large budget and barely any detail. We elected the BOS to steward and marshal our public resources well - please ask for more detail. I would like to see what kind of training is done! I am a proponent of programs that follow a community policing approach instead of an urban shield, militarized approach. (move on buds)

Keep in mind that Sheriff had over 1,000 "other" votes even though he ran unopposed and received several thousand less votes than other county offices received. That is not by happenstance; it is a message - we do not trust him.

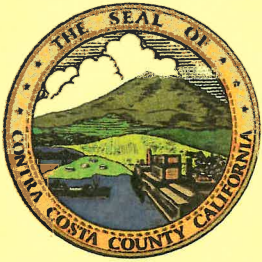
In your role as BOS you can develop an oversight mechanism - an oversight committee for Sheriff department or an inspector general. As a community member, I ask that you do this.

Those in detention centers and those incarcerated are still God's children. If you don't believe in God, they are still part of our human family. This is not about devaluing Sheriff's deputies and their work & I have family in law enforcement in southern California and Arizona - I value their difficult and important work. I even have a nephew who worked as a correctional officer - it can be done with rehabilitation in mind or dehumanization in mind, that depends on the leader.

So please ① ask for more detail in the Sheriff's budget and ② establish an oversight committee for the Sheriff's department or an inspector general.

Because we are all part of God's family: Thank you.

- Also
- FUND Health Services & Healthcare fully is priority # 1
 - if we are not going to get the reimbursements for PCA, let's have a conversation of other departments' decrease of funding and services to keep healthcare services intact.
 - what is the plan for preventative health insurance services to decrease the need and use of County hospital?
 - yes to county tax for county services! I would help on that campaign.



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Your Name: Shirley Van Pelt Representing: CONTRA COSTA CBO'S
Address: [Redacted] Phone or Email: [Redacted]

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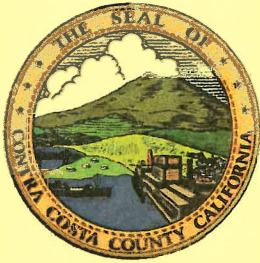
SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED:

2019/2020 Budget - CBO Mental Health
Rate Increase

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I am here today to support Contra Costa
County CBO providers in our request for
increased rates. We are appreciative of the
1st years increase and also need to continue
the ability to hire & retain employees, as well as
pay for capital improvements. We are committed to
seeing the needs of Contra Costa residents but need
more funding to continue to provide services at the level of quality
we strive for. I realize this request comes at a difficult budgetary
time for everyone, thank you for your consideration. Please
also consider that as the county reduces positions and expenses,
~~CBO's~~ step in to cost of doing business & work shifts to CBO's.
Thank you!



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Today's
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4/16/19

Your Name: Jack Avery Representing: UWBA (United Way Bay Area)
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SUBJECT MATTER TO BE PRESENTED:
\$300,000, 1 time funding for CalFresh staffing for newly eligible SSI recipients & ABAWD populations.

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UWBA advocates for sound public policies that support health, basic needs & financial stability of everyone in our communities. UWBA requests that BOS approves \$300,000 in one-time funding for front line CalFresh staff for the following reasons: ① 12,000 elderly & disabled SSI recipients newly eligible for CalFresh on June 1st ② 4,000 ABAWDs will face 3 month time limits & strict requirements for CalFresh on Sept. 1st. ABAWDs are often homeless, veterans, have undiagnosed disabilities, ~~are~~ former foster youth, and will require intensive case management to screen for exemptions & be connected to employment & training programs. Both of these changes will require an increase in staffing to provide healthy food for those who are most vulnerable in our communities. Thank you supervisors for your time & consideration.

United Way Bay Area

Thank you, Supervisors, County Administrator and Department Directors for your thoughtful and compassionate leadership in Contra Costa County. My name is Jack Avery, and I am the Public Policy Analyst at UWBA.

United Way Bay Area convenes individuals, nonprofits, businesses and government partners to fight for the education, basic needs and financial stability of every person in the Bay Area. While the programs that we fund and develop support thousands of families and individuals in achieving financial stability every year, we know we cannot program our way out of poverty.

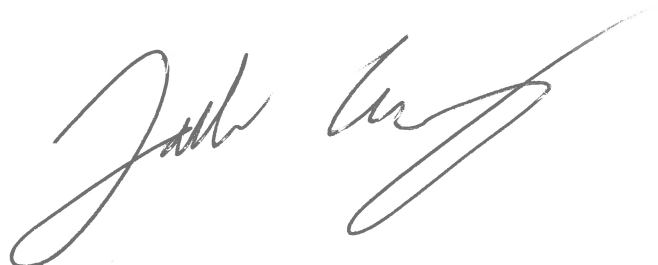
Thus, UWBA advocates for sound public policies, that address the intersectional causes of systemic poverty. Providing access to healthy food for those who are elderly, disabled, homeless, or other vulnerable populations, is one of those policies.

UWBA requests that the BOS approves \$300,000 in one-time funding for CalFresh staffing, for the following reasons:

- An estimated 10,000 elderly and disabled SSI recipients will become newly-eligible for CalFresh on June 1st
- This large number of newly eligible applicants will greatly increase the workload of CalFresh intake workers
- Just three months later on September 1st, over 4,000 CalFresh recipients determined to be “able bodied adults without dependents” will become subject to 3 month time limits and harsh work requirements
- Surveys have shown that “ABAWDs” are a diverse population, and are often homeless, veterans, people with undiagnosed disabilities, or teenagers aging out of the foster care system
- “ABAWDs” will require much more intensive case management to ensure that they are properly screened for exemptions and connected to E&T programs and volunteer opportunities.
- Both of these policy changes will require an increase in staffing in order to make sure that those who are most vulnerable in our communities receive the food assistance that they desperately need.
- UWBA supports the CalFresh Partnership’s request for an increase in funding for **front line** staff who can process these applications and provide adequate case management.

Thank you Supervisors, for your time, and UWBA urges you to approve this funding, that will help ensure that those who are most vulnerable in Contra Costa will be able to access healthy food.

Jack Avery
Public Policy Analyst
UWBA





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Your Name: Nicole Nelson Representing: Seneca

Address: 3100 Clayton Rd, Concord Phone or Email: _____

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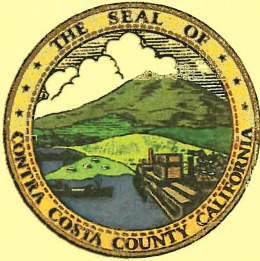
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Mental Health Budget

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I am deeply concerned about the Mental Health Budget and the impact that it has on Non Profits ability to hire and retain highly qualified staff. In my 10+ years at Seneca, I have seen too many staff leave because they simply can't pay their bills. These programs are after serving the most vulnerable kids + families in our community who already face a host of challenges and these services ~~are~~ and stable, qualified staff are crucial to them.



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Your Name: Robin Ganeler Representing: Seneca
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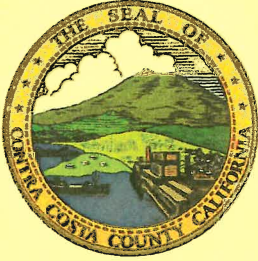
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In order to hire and retain the most
qualified mental health staff, we need
to demonstrate that we value their
work by increasing their salaries. I'm
a supervisor for clinicians that work in
schools that have students & families who
are impacted by trauma, poverty, and
systemic discrimination. It makes me so sad
to see the high turn-over in our staff because
they can no longer afford to do the work they love -
this turn-over ultimately impacts the health,
wellbeing, & trust of the families we serve.



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Your Name: Sarah Vasquez Representing: Seneca Family of Agencies
Address: 3200 Clayton Rd, Concord Phone or [REDACTED]

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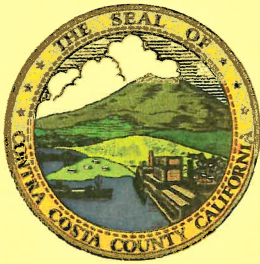
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Seneca Family of Agencies works hard to provide mental health services that match its values. It is filled with workers who serve their families deeply and intimately in order to support the vast needs that families in our country have. Compensation continues to be challenging and we hope to see wage increases that reflect the hard work and heart that goes into this field.



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Your Name: Hannah Hernandez Representing: Seneca Family of Services
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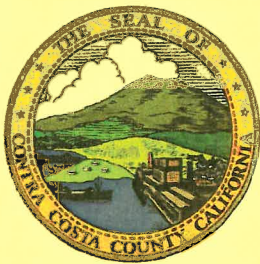
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. As a clinician currently residing in CCC, working with children, youth and families effected by trauma, poverty and lack of resources, I am incredibly aware of the importance of our work and the preventative impact of our resources. The increase in the Mental Health Budget would allow clinicians like myself to continue providing high levels of care to our communities in which we reside without needing to look elsewhere for work as a way to live in a financially sustainable way. I enjoy living and working in CCC and would love to continue to do so.



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I feel honored to be able to serve the most vulnerable kids & families in CCC through my community based mental health work w/ Seneca family of agencies, this is amplified for me in being able to serve & support the community where I was born & raised. Our services make it possible for families, during the most challenging times in their lives - when CFS & mental health or Probation services are involved to receive quality supportive services at no cost to the consumer. During my over 8 years with Seneca in CCC I have had the honor of being a part of amazing transformation & success as youth & families Probation or UCS cases close & they are able to move on with their lives. At the same time I have seen & felt how increasing cost of living

In the Bay Area, overwhelmed & understaffed systems have impacted the community I serve as well as our ability to hire & retain high quality staff. For me, this is a social justice issue I don't know how we can heal & change our community without providing quality, well-staffed social services. As a CBO, our ability to hire & retain the highest quality, experienced staff is directly related to the compensation we are able to provide staff. ~~For that~~ In large part this compensation is tied to the adjustments the County approves to CBO reimbursement rates. My understanding is that surrounding counties have approved more & higher increases for CBOs which means those counties are paying more. As a manager ~~I~~ I hear regularly from current employees as well as interviewees that while they would love to serve this community, they can't afford to make that choice when they can be compensated at such a higher rate by surrounding counties as well as our County EHSO or Behavioral Health systems. I believe deeply in the services we provide & hope the Board will consider this important issue to ensure our County remains progressive & provides quality services to the most vulnerable population. The 3% WGA ^{increase} currently proposed will not support our ability to hire, retain & serve in the way this community deserves.