



Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: August 14, 2018

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding #74-566 with the City of Walnut Creek for its Police Department

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) #74-566 with the City of Walnut Creek for its Police Department, a government agency, to develop and implement an outreach program designed for a specific population of adult Contra Costa County residents who have serious and persistent mental illness, for the period June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a non-financial agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The County's Behavior Health Services Division (BHSD) recommends partnering with law enforcement in East, Central, and West Contra Costa County to develop the Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) Program. The MHET Program will provide welfare checks, case management, and link available mental health services for its target population. MHET's target population is the adult Contra Costa County resident who has been identified as having a serious and persistent mental illness and is described by at least one of the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/14/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: August 14, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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following: having experienced a recent psychiatric crisis; having been placed on one or more Welfare & Institutions Code section 5150 holds; having a history of violence; having access to firearms; or having been the subject of multiple calls for service with local law enforcement.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The MHET Program's objectives include reducing the number of preventable visits to Psychiatric Emergency Services, facilitating access to BHSD's system of care, increasing effective use of available outpatient mental health services, reducing the number of violent encounters between police officers and the mentally ill, providing support, referrals and safety planning to family members, and providing a safer, better quality of life for the community.

The Memorandum of Understanding #74-566 includes mutual indemnification.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this agreement is not approved, the County's BHSD will be unable to participate on the MHET and therefore unable to provide the level of targeted assistance contemplated for the specific population described above.