



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: December 15, 2020

Subject: Payments for Services Provided by John Muir Behavioral Health Center

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to pay \$2,895 to John Muir Behavioral Health Center for the provision of inpatient psychiatric treatment services including diagnostic and therapeutic services and mental health treatment, for the period July 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this action will result in an expenditure of \$2,895 and will be funded 100% by Mental Health Realignment revenues.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #24-794-8(22), as amended by Contract Amendment Agreements #24-794-8(23) and #24-794-8(25) with John Muir Behavioral Health Center for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, which included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2020, for the provision of inpatient psychiatric treatment services including diagnostic and therapeutic services and mental health treatment.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/15/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V 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: December 15, 2020

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (CCRMC) referred patients to John Muir Behavioral Health Center when CCRMC inpatient psychiatric units became full. There was an unanticipated increase in the need for psychiatric services during the contract term and the contract payment limit was exceeded.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

As requested by the County, John Muir Behavioral Health Center provided additional inpatient psychiatric treatment services in good faith. Behavioral Health Services Division Administration has therefore determined that John Muir Behavioral Health Center is entitled to payment for the reasonable value of their services under the equitable relief theory of quantum meruit. That theory provides that where a person has been asked to provide services without a valid contract, and the provider does so to the benefit of the recipient, the provider is entitled to recover reasonable value of those services.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

John Muir Behavioral Health Center will not be paid for psychiatric treatment services rendered in good faith.