



M E M O R A N D U M
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: December 15, 2020

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Whole Person Care Medical Respite Program

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$159,630 for FY 2020-21 for the receipt of grant funds and the expense of these funds for the Medical Respite Program.
2. Approve a contract with The Gathering Inn in an amount not to exceed \$319,260 from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) to sign the amendment with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments not to exceed \$31,926, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Placer County Health and Human Services' Whole Person Care Program has contracted with The Gathering Inn to provide Medical Respite services to chronically homeless individuals leaving the hospital since 2017. The Medical Respite provides a place for people to stay when they are well enough to leave the hospital, but too ill to stay at a homeless shelter or on the street. The program has been effective at helping people leave the hospital more quickly which frees up space for those that need the hospital beds more and it helps reduce hospital recidivism by providing a safe place that has such services as 24/7 onsite monitors, case management to help with permanent housing placement, and nursing visits to provide health education.

FISCAL IMPACT

The additional funding amount is provided to the County from The California Department of Healthcare Services and no County General Funds are needed.

A copy of the amendment is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

