



**MEMORANDUM**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 22, 2021

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

SUBJECT: Contract with Mental Health Management, Inc for Long-term Psychiatric Residential Care

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a contract with Mental Health Management, Inc. dba Canyon Manor from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for mandated medically necessary mental health services for Placer County residents in need of long-term residential psychiatric care in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign amendments up to \$26,000, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Placer County Adult System of Care (ASOC) provides unique and mandated mental health services to over 7,399 adults each year through a continuum of services. Some of these individuals are Severely Mentally Ill (SMI) who are Laterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conserved with chronic mental illness and who are unable to provide for their own basic needs. They are often at risk for psychiatric hospitalization and require a higher level of care for continued safe treatment and housing in a locked setting.

California continues to experience a significant shortage in these types of locked facilities referred to Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) facilities. Many counties are often competing for a limited number of these IMD beds, creating challenges in quickly placing our individuals into these facilities without significant barriers or wait lists. As a result, when an IMD placement is needed, clients often spend time in the County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) until a bed becomes available. Placer County has conducted a thorough search for IMD facilities to broaden the pool of appropriate facilities it can admit to without unnecessary delays. Placer County began contracting with Canyon Manor since January 2019 as an additional option to existing contracted facilities.

Canyon Manor, located in Novato, CA continues to be a leader in providing a variety of treatment options to those with severe mental illness, serving surrounding Counties since 1976. It offers mental health services directed at improving the living skills of clients with chronic mental disorders to assist them in meeting their rehabilitation goals and re-integrating them back into their community. This organization has demonstrated the willingness to accept and treat individuals that other facilities may be unwilling to accept. Examples of skills training provided include social skills, independent living, money management, self-control and symptom management, peer counseling, medication education, substance abuse education, personal hygiene management, and community re-entry skills preparation.

Since January 2019, Placer County has placed one individual at Canyon Manor which continues to stabilize the individual and prevent any unnecessary psychiatric hospitalization during the entire stay.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding in the amount of \$130,000 for the first year of this contract includes \$52,000 (40%) in State funding and \$78,000 (60%) in County General Fund and is included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget. The remaining \$130,000 will be included in the Department's FY 2022-23 Budget.

This contract is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

