



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** December 14, 2021
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II
SUBJECT: Contract with The Gathering Inn, Inc. for Medical Respite Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a contract with The Gathering Inn, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$319,260 from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract 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 contracted with The Gathering Inn, Inc. (TGI) beginning in 2017, to provide medical respite services to chronically homeless individuals leaving the hospital. 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 needing a hospital bed. 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.

Effective December 31, 2021, the Whole Person Care Pilot Program with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) ends. DHCS has developed a framework broad-based delivery system and payment reform called California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) administered by Managed Care Plans. Placer County is still in negotiations to become a provider for both ECM and CS. Medical respite services will continue to be subcontracted to TGI to provide the above-mentioned services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding for the first six months is included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget. The Department may bring forward a quarterly amendment as it anticipates a different funding source than originally identified. Additional funding for the last six months of the agreement will be included in the Department's FY 2022-23 Budget.

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ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of the contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board.