



June 20, 2017

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADULT OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM IN
 ALAMEDA COUNTY AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-
 2018**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Adopt and execute the attached Resolution authorizing the full implementation of Laura's Law and make a finding that no voluntary mental health programs serving adults, and no children's mental health programs, may be reduced as a result of implementing Laura's Law;
- B. Authorize Behavioral Health Care Services to add two (2) Full Time Equivalent positions for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program;
- C. Approve a master contract augmentation for Telecare Corporation (Principal: Anne Bakar, Executive Director; Location: Alameda, CA; Master Contract No. 900124; Procurement Contract No. 15260), to expand the Adult Outpatient Treatment program, with no change in the contract period 7/1/17 - 6/30/18, increasing the procurement amount from \$44,881,772 to \$45,285,272 (\$403,500 increase);
- D. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of Health Care Services Agency or designee to execute the contract exhibits on your behalf; and
- E. Approve the allocation of one-time Tobacco Master Funds in the amount of \$112,500 to fund the Public Defender staff costs required to increase slots; and
- F. Approve and authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations for Fiscal Year 2017-18 in the amount of \$1,140,648 with offsetting revenues as shown in the attached Financial Recommendation.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

On February 25, 2014 your Board approved the plan of BHCS to proceed with the implementation of a set of recommendations developed in response to AB1421, and reviewed by your Board's Health Committee, focused on voluntary programs and an AOT pilot program which incorporates approaches to address the needs of clients/consumers with serious mental illness, who have a history of noncompliance with treatment or who have not been engaged in treatment. On December 15, 2015, the Board authorized the application of Laura's

Law as to a five (5) person pilot program. On June 12, 2017 during the Board of Supervisors' Health Committee meeting, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services recommended implementing Laura's Law as a regularly-funded and expanded program to serve 30 clients from a five-client pilot program.

Board approval of the recommended actions will expand capacity of Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program and will give BHCS the opportunity to fully implement Laura's Law in Alameda County.

A Resolution is required by AB1421 to confirm no voluntary mental health programs serving adults, and no children's mental health programs, may be reduced as a result of implementing Laura's Law. Successful and full implementation of this program is contingent upon collaboration and provision of significant resources from the courts, County Counsel, and Public Defender. Telecare Corporation has been successful in serving the individuals currently referred to the program and BHCS recommends that Telecare receive an augmentation to accommodate the expansion.

AB1421, known as Laura's Law established the AOT Demonstration Project Act of 2002. Laura's Law provides court-ordered intensive outpatient services for individuals with severe mental illness who refuse voluntary treatment yet may also be at risk for self-harm or grave disability. Laura's Law outlines the target population and eligibility criteria per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5346, and the service goals and requirements of AB1421 programs. These programs, known as AOT, attempt to address a gap in the continuum of treatment for these individuals.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Telecare was selected to run the AOT program because Telecare had an existing program (Assertive Community Treatment) that provides the level of care required by the individuals who are served in AOT. BHCS is recommending that Telecare continue to be the provider under this expansion, so that existing clients will receive continuous care and newly referred clients will benefit from the infrastructure that has been built during the pilot phase. Telecare does not qualify for SLEB certification. Your Board has previously approved a waiver of the SLEB requirements for Telecare to sub-contract twenty percent of its services for two reasons: clinical care to clients would be compromised and State regulations for Medi-Cal do not allow for clinical services to be sub-contracted with entities that are subject to the cost reporting requirements of the state. This regulatory requirement is supported by good clinical practice.

FINANCING

Funding for this contract is from the Mental Health Services, 2011 Realignment, and Tobacco Master Settlement Fund, per attached Financial Recommendation. There is no increase in net County cost as a result of your approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Gebhart, Interim Director
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF "LAURA'S LAW":
ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT IN THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

RESOLUTION NO. R-- _____

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002, known as Laura's Law, effective January 1, 2003 (Article 9 of Chapter 2 of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act); and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015, the Board authorized the application of Laura's Law as to a five (5) person pilot program; and

WHEREAS, during the June 12, 2017 Board of Supervisors' Health Committee meeting, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services recommended implementing Laura's Law as a regularly-funded and expanded program; and

WHEREAS, Laura's Law is operative only in those counties in which the county board of supervisors authorizes its application, by resolution or through the county's budget process, and makes certain findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT:

1. The Board authorizes the application of Laura's Law (Article 9 of Chapter 2 of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act) in the County of Alameda.
2. The Board finds that no voluntary mental health program serving adults, and no children's mental health program, may be reduced as a result of the implementation of Laura's Law (Article 9 of Chapter 2 of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act).

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, on _____, 2017, by the following called vote:

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED:


President of the Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda, State of California

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Donna, Ziegler, County Counsel


Kevin Joon Oh,
Deputy County Counsel

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA DATE: 7/11/2017

Subject of Board Letter:

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BY: 2018

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The use of Designations, as follows:

NAME OF DESIGNATION	ORG

The increase (decrease) in anticipated revenue, as follows:

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	
350551	452120	00000		\$ 403,500.00
350551	479993	00000		112,500
350651	451160	00000		624,648
ORG TOTAL				\$1,140,648

			PROJ/GR	
ORG TOTAL				\$0

ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE \$1,140,648

			PROJ/GR	
350500	600000	00000		\$ 326,764.00
	610000	00000		\$ 813,884.00
ORG TOTAL				\$1,140,648

			PROJ/GR	
350955	610000	00000		\$0
ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$1,140,648