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To: Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Dustin Russell, Captain

Date: December 16th, 2025

Agenda Date: January 13, 2026

Discussion:

Since 2015, the Lassen County Sheriff's Office has contracted with California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) to provide jail medical services. Throughout this partnership, CFMG has delivered exceptional care and consistently worked to meet the county's needs. As a result of these joint efforts, the Lassen County Jail achieved national accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) in 2024. The Sheriff's Office and CFMG have continued to work diligently to maintain this accreditation, and on December 4, 2025, we received formal notification from NCCHC that our accreditation has been successfully continued.

Beginning in 2026, NCCHC standards will be updated to require the induction of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) when an individual is identified as having an opioid use disorder and would benefit from such services. The ultimate goal of these changes is to reduce overdoses, improve treatment outcomes, and mitigate medical and legal risk.

The MAT program is a comprehensive approach to treating substance use disorders, particularly opioid and alcohol use disorders, by combining FDA-approved medications with counseling and behavioral therapies. In a correctional setting, MAT offers significant operational, legal, medical, and public-safety benefits. Because county jails are often the first point of contact for individuals with untreated substance use disorders, MAT is widely recognized as a best practice in correctional health care.

In addition to updated accreditation standards, the Lassen County Jail will be required to comply with a new state mandate under Cal-AIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal), which is scheduled to take effect in the jail on July 1, 2026. As part of this



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mandate, the jail will be required to provide a MAT program. This requirement also establishes a mechanism to bill Medi-Cal for MAT services provided during the 90-day period prior to an individual's release from custody, helping to offset associated costs.

The current monthly cost of our contract with CFMG is \$173,027.23. This contract amendment will increase the cost to \$185,412.23, which is an increase of \$12,385 per month. Services would not start for this contract amendment until March 1, 2026. For the remainder of FY25/26, this would be an additional cost of \$49,540.

Fiscal Impact:

The contract amendment will cost an additional \$49,540 from budget #130-0526 (Jail Physician). There are currently enough funds in this budget to offset the cost. We are in the process of applying for California Opioid Settlement Funds from budget #102, to cover the entire cost of the contract amendment.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors approve the contract amendment with California Forensics Medical Group (CFMG), authorize the CAO to sign the Contract.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AT LASSEN COUNTY, CA
(Effective March 1, 2026)**

This First Amendment, effective March 1, 2026 (this "Amendment"), to the Agreement for Health Care Services, dated July 1, 2024, as amended (the "Agreement"), is by and between California Forensic Medical Group, Inc., ("Company") and the County of Lassen, CA (the "County").

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of Covered Persons to add Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programming to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to add such MAT programming at an additional rate of \$36,908 for up to 25 ADP; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of Covered Persons to add 0.75 FTE of MAT LVN Program Coordinator, and increase MAT Advanced Practice Provider/Physician Asst. by 0.05 FTE,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 11.17, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to memorialize such changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS.** The Parties hereto incorporate the foregoing recitals as a material portion of this Amendment.
2. **AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.0 OF CONTRACT.** The Agreement shall be amended by adding Section 8.0.1 and 8.0.2 in their entirety:
 - 8.0.1 The base amount to be paid by Client to Company for July 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026, is \$173,027.23 per month, pro-rated for any partial months and subject to any reconciliations as set forth below. Each monthly payment is to be paid by Client to Company before or on the 1st day of the month of the month of service.
 - 8.0.2 The base amount to be paid by Client to Company for March 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, is \$185,412.23 per month, pro-rated for any partial months and subject to any reconciliations as set forth below. Each monthly payment is to be paid by Client to Company before or on the 1st day of the month of the month of service.

3. **AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT A OF THE AGREEMENT.** The Parties agree that the Staffing Matrix attached hereto as Exhibit A-1 shall replace the previous Staffing Matrix attached to the Agreement as Exhibit A.
4. **SEVERABILITY.** If any terms or provisions of this Amendment or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Amendment or the application of such term or provision to person or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this Amendment shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. **DEFINITIONS.** Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them under the Agreement.
6. **REMAINING PROVISIONS.** The remaining provisions of the Agreement not amended by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed in their names or their official acts by their respective representatives, each of whom is duly authorized to execute the same.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED AS STATED ABOVE:

Lassen County, CA

By: _____
Name:
Title:

CFMG, INC

Signed by:
By: Dr. Judd Bazzel
Name: Grady J Bazzel, MD
Title: President

EXHIBIT A-1

Staffing Matrix

Effective March 1, 2026

LASSEN COUNTY, CA									
MEDICAL STAFFING MATRIX									
TITLE	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	WEEK	FTEs
Days									
Health Services Administrator	8	8	8	8	8			40	1.00
RN/LVN	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	84	2.10
Physician - Medical Director			3.5					3.5	0.09
LCSW/MFT	8	8	8	8				32	0.80
Psychiatrist				4				4	0.10
Subtotal								163.5	4.09
Evenings									
RN/LVN	12	16	12	16	12	12	12	92	2.30
Subtotal								92	2.30
TOTAL								255.5	6.39

LASSEN COUNTY, CA									
MAT PROGRAM STAFFING MATRIX (25 ADP)									
TITLE	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	WEEK	FTEs
Days									
MAT Advanced Practice Provider/Physician Assistant				4				4	0.10
MAT LVN Program Coordinator	6	2	6	2	6	4	4	30	0.75
SUD					8			8	0.20
Subtotal								42	1.05
TOTAL								42	1.05

COMPREHENSIVE TOTAL								297.5	7.44
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October 29, 2025

Dustin Russell, Captain
Lassen County Sheriff's Office
1415 Sheriff Cady Lane
Susanville, California 96130

RE: Proposal for Medication Assisted Treatment Programming at Lassen County

Greetings Captain Russell:

As an early leader in addiction treatment and recovery within correctional facilities, CFMG is pleased to submit the enclosed proposal to implement Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programming for your inmate population at the Lassen County Jail.

Following additional discussions, we have updated this proposal to revise the staffing coverage.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program

To address the opioid epidemic, we established a MAT Division devoted to treating opioid use disorders. Treatment includes the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to treat substance use disorders as a medical disorder.

The staffing needed for this program heavily depends on the number of patients receiving treatment. Our proposed program for Lassen County adds the following coverage, a total of **0.80 FTEs**, providing treatment for an average daily population (ADP) of twenty-five (25) patients.

Position	FTEs	Hours	Annual Cost
MAT LVN Program Coordinator	0.75	30	\$96,790
Advanced Practice Provider/Physician Assistant	0.05	2	\$14,922
Total MAT Staffing Costs	0.80	32	\$111,712

Should the program requirements or the number of MAT participants change, our team will re-evaluate and adjust staffing as needed.

Proposed MAT Staffing Plan

Our proposed weekly staffing plan reflecting these additions is provided for reference below.

Lassen County, CA									
Proposed MAT Program Staffing Matrix (25 ADP)									
Position	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Hours	FTEs
Advanced Practice Provider/Phys Assist.				4				4	0.10
MAT LVN Program Coordinator	6	2	6	2	6	4	4	30	0.75
Substance Use Disorder Counselor*					8			8	0.20
Total Weekly Hours/FTE - Day								42	1.05

*Current onsite staff

MAT Program Costs

In addition to staffing, other program costs include laboratory tests, pharmacy, supplies, drug screenings, and other office and administrative expenses.

The chart below provides a summary of the total MAT program cost accommodating treatment for 25 daily patients.

Cost Category – 25 ADP	Annual Cost
Labs	\$13,976
Pharmacy	\$20,182
Drug Screens	\$2,162
Office Supplies	\$588
MAT Program Costs Total – 25 ADP	\$36,908
MAT Staffing Costs – 0.80 FTEs	\$111,712
Comprehensive MAT Program Total – 25 ADP	\$148,620

This cost proposal is intended for review and consideration only and does not constitute an amendment to the current agreement between CFMG and Lassen County. Execution of a formal contract amendment by both parties incorporating this proposed scope expansion is required before implementation can occur.

This proposal was developed based on current wage rates. The prices in this proposal shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of this letter. Depending on when program implementation occurs, CFMG reserves the right to adjust the prices to reflect current market data.

To proceed, we will await Lassen County's draft of the contract amendment memorializing these changes. If the County prefers for CFMG to draft instead, please sign this proposal on the following page and email a signed copy to Andrea Knox at akknox@wellpath.us. Upon receiving the signed proposal, our Legal Department will draft a formal contract amendment and route it to the appropriate County individuals for signature. All other terms of the current Agreement, including any changes detailed above, shall remain in full force and effect.

We appreciate our continued partnership with Lassen County and are happy to discuss this proposal further or provide additional details upon request. If you have any questions, please contact David Garzoli, Regional Director of Operations, at 707-349-1505.

Sincerely,



Veilvete Hood
Regional Vice President

Cc: David Garzoli, Regional Director of Operations
Christi Cunningham, Contract Retention Manager

The undersigned is authorized by Lassen County to accept the above terms:



Authorized Lassen County Representative

Dustin Russell

Print Name

11/10/25

Date Signed

CAPTAIN

Title