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Date: January 21, 2020

To: David Teeter, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Barbara Longo, Director
Health and Social Services

Subject: Resolution authorizing Community Social Services Department to participate in one-time housing funds for Whole Person Care Pilot program funding opportunity.

Background:

In October 2019, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released the Whole Person Care Pilot program that allows the flexibility of funding to coordinate health, behavioral health and social services in a patient-centered manner with the goal of improved beneficiary health and well-being. Low-income populations are more likely to experience a multitude of health, behavioral health, and social needs, requiring them to seek care across multiple and fragmented systems.

The need for a Whole Person Care approach arose due to unmet social, behavioral health, and health needs within vulnerable populations, and from the existing fragmentation of organization and financing of current health and human services systems.

California has successfully worked with twenty-five (25) Whole Person Care Pilot programs to provide target populations with a range of comprehensive services and supports to address unmet needs and improve the quality and outcomes of high-risk populations.

The 2019-20 Governor's Budget encourages additional counties to initiate Whole Person Care-like pilot capacity with a one-time funding allocation of \$20 million and multi-year spending authority through June 30, 2025 from the Mental Health Services Fund.

In December 2019, Health and Social Services submitted our Letter of Intent to receive the funding and subsequently awarded Whole Person Care Pilot funds totaling \$418,556.65 (letter attached).

With Whole Person Care Pilot funds, Lassen County has the ability to perform the following administrative and programmatic activities that may include:

- Core program development, planning, and support
- Staffing, including but not limited to consultants, county employees, contracted employees, navigators, outreach specialists, and peers.
- Administrative costs
- IT infrastructure
- Program governance
- Training
- Ongoing data collection, analysis
- Marketing materials
- Intensive care management
- Recuperative care/respite care/activities of daily living
- Housing services and supports, including but not limited to rental subsidies, security deposits, navigation, landlord outreach and liaison, 24-hour warm line, maintaining housing, utility assistance, capital household needs (refrigerator for insulin), homeless prevention/interventions, etc.
- Ability to fund non-traditional housing such as purchasing homes or transitional/"bridge" housing
- Purchase of mobile units (vans) for mobile health and BH services

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact to County General Funds.

Action Requested:

1. Adopt resolution; and, 2. Authorize the HSS Director, or CSS Director, to execute a revenue agreement, additional participation documentation, and all relevant materials necessary to implement program funds.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE-TIME HOUSING FUNDS FOR WHOLE PERSON CARE PILOTS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF AB 74, THE BUDGET ACT OF 2019 (CHAPTER 23, STATUTES OF 2019).

WHEREAS, California's Governor Gavin C. Newsom and the California Legislature have recognized the critical role Whole Person Care Pilot programs play in reducing homelessness for those with special needs;

WHEREAS, the Governor, Legislature, and this County recognize the need for flexible state-only funding for new services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are living with mental illness who are also homeless or at risk of homelessness; as well as additional at-risk populations;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have allocated \$100 million dollars in one-time State General Fund housing funds for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to Whole Person Care Pilot programs;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have directed Whole Person Care Pilot programs to leverage other available funding for this purpose and prohibited any supplantation of existing funding or services in order to maximize the impact of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature require Whole Person Care Pilot programs that receive Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs to expend the funding no later than June 30, 2025, and further stipulate that services provided with this funding must comply with all Housing First principles as defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code §8255-8256;

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen designates the Community Social Services Department as the single point of contact to the Department of Health Care Services for the Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs allocation;

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen affirms the county's commitment to combatting homelessness and improving housing options for residents living with mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or additional at-risk populations in our communities pursuant to the provisions of SB 74 and the receipt of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for Lassen County does hereby authorize the County's participation in the Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 21st day of January 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

David Teeter
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of January 2020.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Lassen



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



December 26, 2019

Jenna Aguilera, Director
Lassen Health and Social Services Department
336 Alexander Avenue
Susanville, CA 96130

APPROVAL FOR ONE-TIME FUNDING TO INITIATE WHOLE PERSON CARE
CAPACITY

Dear Ms. Aguilera:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has approved your request for One-Time Funding to Initiate Whole Person Care Capacity within your county.

Please submit a signed Board of Supervisors Resolution by January 31, 2020. The allocation of funds totaling \$418,556.65 is expected to be processed no later than March 31, 2020 and will be available for final encumbrance or expenditure by June 30, 2025.

A final evaluation and summary report is due 90 days after the full expenditure of funding. The report shall include the disposition of funds, the services provided and the number of individuals served.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact the 1115WholePersonCare@dhcs.ca.gov mailbox.

Sincerely,

Dana Durham
Policy and Medical Monitoring Branch Chief
Managed Care Quality Monitoring Division