



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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### **REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**June 23, 2020**

#### **FROM**

**VERONICA KELLEY, Director, Department of Behavioral Health**

#### **SUBJECT**

Amendment to Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino for the Veterans Housing Program

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Approve Amendment No. 2, effective July 1, 2020, to non-financial Memorandum of Understanding No. 16-164 with the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino for the Veterans Housing Program, updating contractual language and terms, and extending the term one year, for the total agreement period of April 19, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

(Presenter: Veronica Kelley, Director, 388-0801)

#### **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This is a non-financial, in-kind Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) provides intensive case management services in exchange for housing subsidies for the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino's (HACSB) Veterans Housing Program.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

HACSB's Veterans Housing Program is an initiative whose goal is to ensure there are no homeless veterans living on the street or in emergency shelters in San Bernardino County. The Veterans Housing Program, administered by HACSB, provides permanent housing subsidies with supportive services to homeless individual veterans and homeless veteran family households. The amendment to the MOU for the Veterans Housing Program will allow HACSB to continue working with DBH and other veterans' services agencies to identify eligible households to access up to 60 subsidized permanent housing units. In turn, DBH will continue to provide intensive case management services and referrals for behavioral health services to support the long-term stability of the households.

Based on the individual need, DBH provides an average of six months of case management services per household to assist in identifying and removing barriers to successfully becoming employed, housed and/or educated to the level needed to achieve self-sufficiency. DBH assesses the household's living situation,

physical and emotional health and safety, develops a plan and timeline to assist the household to regain stability, monitors each household's progress toward making the necessary changes to improve its situation or crisis, documents the household's progress, participates in case coordination meetings with HACSB and continually assesses service needs of the families.

On April 19, 2016 (Item No. 21), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the non-financial MOU with HACSB, for the period of April 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017, with the option of extending the agreement for one-year periods.

On May 2, 2017 (Item No. 16), the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to the non-financial MOU with HACSB, extending the term by three years, for the total period of April 19, 2016 through June 30, 2020.

The recommended amendment will update contractual language and terms of the MOU, and continue DBH and HACSB. Veterans Housing Program partnership through June 30, 2021. DBH and HACSB will continue to review, monitor, and evaluate program outcomes to ensure adherence to requirements of the MOU.

#### **PROCUREMENT**

N/A

#### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by Behavioral Health (Ellayna Hoatson, Contracts Supervisor, 388-0858) on April 20, 2020; County Counsel (Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 1, 2020; Finance (Christopher Lange, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on May 27, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on May 27, 2020. This item was also reviewed by Maria Razo, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.