



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

File #: 14-0751, Version: 1

Approve a contract amendment for \$200,000 to the agreement with Jackson & Coker, Locum Tenens, LLC for additional psychiatric medical services through June 30, 2016; and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement

Published Notice Required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Public Hearing Required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Health & Social Services (H&SS) recommends that the Board approve a contract amendment for \$200,000 to the agreement with Jackson & Coker, Locum Tenens, LLC for additional psychiatric medical services through June 30, 2016; and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement.

### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

Under the existing agreement, Jackson & Coker provides temporary staffing to provide psychiatric medical services as mandated by law. Psychiatry services are a required service under the Mental Health Plan's statutory responsibilities, and a cornerstone of treatment of individuals in recovery from mental illness. Psychiatrists provide medical oversight, medication support, psychiatric assessments and diagnoses, and clinical leadership in serving people who have severe and persistent mental illness.

The Jackson & Coker contract is used to supplement services provided by full time regular staff, and to cover for staffing shortages. Psychiatry positions are extremely difficult to fill in Solano County; therefore, due to vacancies, and demand for services, the need for temporary staffing continues. This amendment will allow the Department to fill the psychiatry coverage gaps and provide adequate coverage while recruitments for all current vacancies continue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The \$200,000 contract amendment for additional psychiatric medical services will increase the contract amount from \$500,000 to \$700,000 and is primarily funded with Realignment and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, offset by Medi-Cal Short Doyle billing. There is no additional county general fund associated with this contract amendment.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose not to approve this contract amendment. This is not recommended, because the County is required to have psychiatric services for clients served in the County mental health system and this amendment will ensure continued psychiatric coverage to meet the service needs.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract for legal sufficiency.

### **CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

## APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION