

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT  
COVER SHEET

1. Humboldt County ("Participant") desires to participate in the Program identified below.

Name of Program: **State Hospital Program**

2. California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") and Participant acknowledge that the Program will be governed by CalMHSA's Joint Powers Agreement and its Bylaws, and by this participation agreement ("Agreement"). The following exhibits are intended to clarify how the provisions of those documents will be applied to this particular Program.

Exhibit A Program Description and Funding

Exhibit B General Terms and Conditions

Exhibit C County Specific Funding

3. The maximum amount payable under this Agreement per annum is \$2,804

4. The first installment for FY23/24 in the amount of \$1,402 is due by Participant upon execution of this Agreement.

5. Funds payable under this Agreement are not subject to reversion.

6. The term of the Program is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025

7. Authorized Signatures:

**CalMHSA**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): Dr. Amie Miller, Psy.D., MFT

Title: Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant: Humboldt County**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): Steve Madrone

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): Emi Botzler-Rodgers

Title: Behavioral Health Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participation Agreement**  
EXHIBIT A – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND FUNDING

- I. Name of Program: State Hospital Program**
- II. Term of Program: July 1, 2023- June 30, 2025**
- III. Program Objective and Overview:**

Objective:

The State Hospital Program is focused on streamlining administration and contracting between the Department of State Hospitals and Counties/Cities. In the past, each County was required to negotiate bed rates individually. In addition, due to an ongoing patient waitlist, CalMHSA and Members are interested in exploring facilities to provide alternative placement opportunities.

Overview:

CalMHSA, on behalf of the Members including the above-signed, will function as the main point of contact and the lead in negotiations of a Memorandum of Understanding for terms and rates for psychiatric bed utilization at the Department of State Hospitals. In addition, CalMHSA shall work with the Members to explore and determine the feasibility of local infrastructure projects to serve as alternative facilities to Department of State Hospitals.

- IV. Fees:**

The program fee for the State Hospital Program is \$1,402 per bed allocation per county (bed allocation determined by the Department of State Hospitals (DSH)). Each county must pay a minimum fee of \$1,402 per bed per fiscal year even if the annual bed allocation is zero. Based on June 2023 data provided by DSH, Humboldt County is currently allocated an annual bed number of 1 bed, therefore the fee, is \$1,402 for fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$1,402 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for a total of \$2,804. The first installment of \$1,402 for FY 23/24 is due to CalMHSA upon execution of this Agreement. The second installment of \$1,402 for the FY 24/25 is due on July 1, 2024.

**Participation Agreement**  
**EXHIBIT B – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. Definitions**

The following words, as used throughout this Participation Agreement, shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used:

- A. CalMHSA – California Mental Health Services Authority, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) created by counties in 2009 at the instigation of the California Mental Health Directors Association to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs.
- B. Department of State Hospitals (DSH) – Manages the California state hospital system, and provides mental health services to patients admitted into DSH facilities. Facilities overseen by DSH include Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton.
- C. Member – A County (or JPA of two or more Counties) that has joined CalMHSA and executed the CalMHSA Joint Powers Agreement.
- D. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – A law initially known as Proposition 63 in the November 2004 election that added sections to the Welfare and Institutions Code providing for, among other things, PEI Programs.
- E. Mental Health Services Division (MHSD) – The Division of the California Department of Health Care Services responsible for mental health functions.
- F. Participant – Any County participating in the Program either as Member of CalMHSA or under a Memorandum of Understanding with CalMHSA.
- G. Program – The program identified in the Cover Sheet.

**II. Responsibilities**

- A. Responsibilities of CalMHSA:
  - 1. Negotiate Memorandum of Understanding with Department of State Hospitals.
  - 2. Act as the administrative agent for the Program.
  - 3. Manage funds received consistent with the requirements of any applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and/or contractual obligations.
  - 4. Provide regular fiscal reports, as requested, to Participant and/or other public agencies with a right to such reports.
  - 5. Comply with CalMHSA's Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws.
- B. Responsibilities of Participant:
  - 1. Timely transfer of full funding amount for the Program as specified in Exhibit A, Program Description and Funding, including administrative fee.
  - 2. Provide CalMHSA and any other parties deemed necessary with requested information and assistance in order to fulfill the purpose of the Program.
  - 3. Responsible for any and all assessments, creation of individual case plans, and providing or arranging for services.

4. Cooperate by providing CalMHSA with requested information and assistance in order to fulfill the purpose of the Program.
5. Provide feedback on Program performance.
6. Comply with applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, contractual agreements, JPAs, and bylaws.

**III. Duration, Term, and Amendment**

- A. The term of the Program is for 24 months.
- B. This Agreement may be supplemented, amended, or modified only by the mutual agreement of CalMHSA and the Participant, expressed in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

**IV. Withdrawal, Cancellation, and Termination**

- A. Participant may withdraw from the Program and terminate the Participation Agreement upon six (6) months' written notice. Notice shall be deemed served on the date of mailing.
- B. The withdraw of a Participant from the Program shall not automatically terminate its responsibility for its share of the expense and liabilities of the Program. The contributions of current and past Participants are chargeable for their respective share of unavoidable expenses and liabilities arising during the period of their participation. All funds set forth in this contract shall be deemed to have been earned on the date payment is due in accordance with the provisions hereof and shall be non-refundable in whole or in part under any circumstances (exclusive of overpayments and other manifest errors).

**V. Fiscal Provisions**

- A. Funding required from Participant will not exceed the amount stated in Exhibit A, Program Description and Funding.
- B. Payment Terms – Participant shall issue payment to CalMHSA by the first day of each fiscal year; on July 1 for fiscal years 2024-2025, and within thirty days upon execution of this agreement for the fiscal year 2023-2024.
- C. In a Multi-County Program, Participants will share the costs of planning, administration, and evaluation in the same proportions as their overall contributions, which are included in the amount stated in Exhibit A, Program Description and Funding.

**VI. Limitation of Liability and Indemnification**

- A. CalMHSA is responsible only for funds as instructed and authorized by participants. Without Participant's instructions and authorization, CalMHSA is not liable for damages beyond the amount of any funds which are identified on the cover page of this Agreement.
- B. CalMHSA is not undertaking responsibility for assessments, creation of case or treatment plans, providing or arranging services, and/or selecting, contracting with, or supervising providers (collectively, "mental health services"). Participant will defend and indemnify

CalMHSA for any claim, demand, disallowance, suit, or damages arising from Participant's acts or omissions in connection with the provision of mental health services.

**VII. Notice**

All notices under this Participation Agreement shall be provided 1) by personal delivery, nationally recognized courier service or mailed by U.S. registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; AND 2) by email. All notices shall be provided to the respective party at the addresses and email addresses set forth below and shall be deemed received upon the relevant party's receipt.

Either party may change its designee for notice by giving notice of the same and their relevant address information.

**If to CalMHSA:**

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CC Email to Name: Randall Keen, Manatt Email: [RKeen@manatt.com](mailto:RKeen@manatt.com)

**If to Participant: HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

Name: Emi Botzler-Rodgers Position: Behavioral Health Director

Address: 824 Harris St, Eureka CA 95501

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CC Email to Name: Paul Bugnacki Email: [PBugnacki@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:PBugnacki@co.humboldt.ca.us)

**Participation Agreement for Department of State Hospital Program**

**EXHIBIT C – COUNTY SPECIFIC FUNDING**

**I. Funding Allocation**

<b>RATE</b>	<b>Beds Per Year</b>	<b>FY 2023-25</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Yr 1 \$1,402</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1,402</b>
<b>Yr 2 \$1,402</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1,402</b>
			<b>\$2,804</b>

**Note:**

1. County’s bed allocation per year is based on bed count data as of June 26, 2023 provided by DSH.