

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF ONE PERMANENT FULL-TIME MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST; TWO NEW PERMANENT FULL-TIME PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS/MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPISTS II; ONE NEW PERMANENT FULL-TIME PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST; AND ONE NEW PERMANENT FULL-TIME LEGAL OFFICE SPECIALIST TO START ON JANUARY 1, 2024

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1338 established the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act to provide community-based behavioral health services and supports to individuals living with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders through a new civil court process; and

WHEREAS, the CARE Act creates a civil court process and requires Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to conduct assessments, create voluntary CARE agreements or court-ordered CARE plans that may include comprehensive treatment, housing, and supportive services for up to two years; and

WHEREAS, BHRS is an integral part of the CARE Act and is mandated to attend court proceedings, assess petitions for eligibility criteria and services needed, write evaluations, create CARE agreements or plans, and link to services detailed in the CARE agreements or plans; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet Care Act mandates, BHRS intends to hire one

permanent Full-time Mental Health Program Specialist; two new permanent Full-time Psychiatric Social Workers/Marriage Family Therapists II; one new permanent Full-time Peer Support Specialist; and one new permanent Full-time Legal Office Specialist to support court referred defendants found incompetent to stand trial on a misdemeanor charge and this Board of Supervisors agrees that these positions should be added and that of such positions.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors approves the additions of one permanent Full-time Mental Health Program Specialist; two new permanent Full-time Psychiatric Social Workers/Marriage Family Therapists II; one new permanent Full-time Peer Support Specialist; and one new permanent Full-time Legal Office Specialist position to start January 1, 2024 and staff is hereby directed to bring for the Board's approval a revision to the Salary Resolution to reflect the action taken by the Board in this resolution.

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