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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Sue Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Olivia Byron-Cooper, Director of Health & Human Services *OBC*

SUBJECT: Retroactive Agreement for Services – Item 26-0510, 6/23/2026
Star View Behavioral Health, Inc.

This memo is to notify you that retroactive Agreement #10188 with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc. (Star View) a dual Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Community Treatment Facility (CTF) that serves youth, has been requested by the Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Behavioral Health (BH) and Social Services Divisions and is on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for June 23, 2026 (File ID: 26-0510).

As the Mental Health Plan (MHP), HHSA is required to provide, or arrange for, Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for children and youth residing in their jurisdiction who meet the eligibility criteria defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §14184.402. Mandated SMHS includes placement at a PHF or CTF when determined to be medically necessary, pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9 §1810.247 and §1810.345.

Star View, located in Los Angeles County, specializes in serving adolescents with significant emotional and behavioral challenges. It is one of the only programs of its kind within the State and serves the highest acuity youth, including those that have already experienced multiple residential placements disruptions. Star View provides a secure, structured, and multidisciplinary treatment setting that includes acute inpatient psychiatric care, intensive residential mental health services, and educational support. The program is designed to stabilize youth in crisis, support family engagement, and ultimately transition youth to less restrictive placements as part of a long-term permanency plan.

An eligible El Dorado County youth's assigned Child and Family Team, in conjunction with licensed mental health professionals, determined the youth was in need of PHF and CTF level of care. To meet its obligations as the MHP, HHSA executed Letter of Intent (LOI) 9900 on October 8, 2025, authorizing immediate PHF, CTF and other necessary SMHS services at Star View in anticipation of a fully executed agreement.

Behavioral Health was informed of the placement and need to contract at the time the youth was placed. Similar rapid placement agreement templates have been authorized for delegated retroactive approval through Resolution 065-2026 (File ID: 26-0187) for youth placed in a Short-

Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP), however, PHF and CTF levels of care exceed that authority. AB1051 requires that we engage in a direct contract for these services, with complex SMHS provisions such as compliance, documentation, and billing practices that take extensive negotiation to be agreed upon by all parties. This is a state-wide issue causing mass delays in placing youth across the state. Vendors, placing agencies (CWS and Probation), and Behavioral Health Departments have lifted this up to DHCS and CDSS, but we have not seen any changes to the required process.

Though BH began contracting efforts shortly after execution of the LOI, the intensive nature of the services provided by Star View (and the corresponding higher cost), means the \$80,858 maximum obligation of LOI 9900 was exceeded by mid-December 2025. As a result, a retroactive term on this agreement was unavoidable.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.