



# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001172

**MEETING DATE:** 05/19/2026

**LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:** Board of Supervisors

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):** All Districts

**SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Health Care Agency

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):** Veronica Kelley, 714-834-7024  
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**SUBJECT:** Amendment for Young Adult Court Innovation Project

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

<b>Budgeted:</b> N/A	<b>Current Year Cost:</b> N/A	<b>Annual Cost:</b> FY 2026-27 \$1,291,406 FY 2027-28 \$430,469
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<b>Staffing Impact:</b> No	<b>Sole Source:</b> Yes
<b>Current Fiscal Year Revenue:</b> N/A	<b>County Audit in Last 3 years:</b> No
<b>Funding Source:</b> State (Behavioral Health Services Act): 100%	

**Levine Act Review**

**Completed?** N/A

**Prior Board Action:** 05/24/2022 # 29

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. Approve Amendment No. 3 to extend the Contract with The Regents of the University of California for provision of Young Adult Court Innovation Project, effective May 19, 2026, through October 5, 2027, and increase the Contract's amount not to exceed by \$1,721,875, for a revised cumulative contract total amount not to exceed \$11,822,231.
2. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Contract with The Regents of the University of California, as referenced in the Recommended Action above.

**SUMMARY:**

Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Contract with The Regents of the University of California will extend the funding of the Young Adult Court Innovation Project to complete its evaluation of a specialized court model aimed at improving outcomes for justice-involved young adults.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In March 2024, California voters passed Proposition 1, which repurposed and renamed Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) as the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and eliminated Innovation (INN) as a funding category. As part of this transition, the State requires that previously approved MHSA INN funds continue to be used as originally authorized, with all projects completed by June 30, 2029, or remaining funds reverting to the State.

MHSA INN projects are time-limited research initiatives designed to evaluate new or modified approaches within the behavioral health system of care and inform future program and funding decisions. The Young Adult Court (YAC) project is one such state-approved INN project, focused on testing a specialized court model for justice-involved young adults in Orange County.

On May 24, 2022, your Honorable Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the current sole source Contract for the provision of YAC INN Project with The Regents of the University of California. Subsequently, on May 26, 2022, the County of Orange (County) received state approval for the YAC INN Project, authorizing the use of MHSA INN funds for the maximum allowable five-year period. The Contract is a sole source contract as UCI is the only vendor capable of completing the project as originally approved. UCI is uniquely qualified to maintain consistency in the research design and implementation due to its prior work, established infrastructure, agreement with the court, and ownership of the methodology. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this Amendment. The below additional actions related to the Contract were executed pursuant to appropriate authorities.

Table 1: Prior Actions related to the Contract

<b>Board Date</b>	<b>Contract / Amendment</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Amount</b>
May 24, 2022	Contract	Board Approved Contract	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027	\$10,100,356
N/A	Amendment No. 1	Deputy Purchasing Agent (DPA) Delegated Authority Administrative - Delete Paragraph XXVIII, Special Provision, Sub. A.1	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027	N/A
N/A	Amendment No. 2	DPA Delegated Authority Administrative – Update Exhibit A	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027	N/A

**Scope of Services**

The YAC INN Project is a collaborative court model that provides early intervention services to justice-involved young men, ages 18 to 25. The program integrates court oversight with behavioral health and supportive services, including individual and group therapy, treatment for co-occurring mental health and substance use needs, case management, and peer mentorship. Participants are also connected to education, employment, and housing resources to support engagement, improve outcomes, and reduce recidivism.

A key component of the project is a randomized controlled trial (RCT), conducted by the University of California, Irvine, to evaluate the effectiveness of the YAC model compared to traditional court processing.

Participants are randomly assigned to either the YAC program or traditional court, with baseline and follow-up assessments used to measure outcomes such as recidivism, behavioral health, education, and employment.

Preliminary analyses with the first six months of interview data suggest that young men randomized into the YAC engage in fewer self-reported offenses, are less likely to use non-marijuana drugs, report fewer alcohol and drug related dependency symptoms, experience fewer substance use related consequences in their life, and have more positive perceptions of the judge and court system than the young adults randomized into the control group.

Due to the structured nature of the RCT, outcome data will be available upon completion of the project to ensure the validity and integrity of the evaluation. The study will generate evidence to determine whether participation in the YAC model leads to improved outcomes, including reductions in recidivism, improvements in mental health and well-being, increased housing and life stability, and greater engagement in education, employment, and services.

Findings from the evaluation will inform future County decisions regarding whether the YAC model should be sustained, expanded, or modified based on demonstrated effectiveness.

HCA requests that the Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the Contract with The Regents of the University of California for the provision of Young Adult Court Innovation Project, as referenced in the Recommended Actions. The proposed Amendment No. 3 increases the contract amount and extends the term to support completion of the YAC INN Project as originally designed, ensure full use of available funds prior to the state deadline, and maintain the integrity of the evaluation.

The proposed Amendment will include subcontractor provisions to support case management and care coordination services for program participants, ensuring continuity of pilot model. See Attachment B for Contract Summary Form.

The Contractor's performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. HCA has verified that there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractor's ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Appropriations for this amendment will be included in HCA Budget Control 042 FY 2026-27 Budget and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

The proposed Contract include provisions allowing HCA to terminate the Contract, reduce the level of services, and/or renegotiate the levels of services provided, as necessary. This includes a notice that allows HCA adequate time to transition or terminate services to clients, if necessary.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

N/A

**REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Amendment No. 3 to Contract MA-042-22011596 for Young Adult Court Innovation Project with  
The Regents of the University of California at Irvine

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form