

**Sierra County  
Board of Supervisors'  
Agenda Transmittal &  
Record of Proceedings**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b> September 20, 2022	<b>TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent
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**DEPARTMENT:** Behavioral Health  
**APPROVING PARTY:** Lea Salas, Administrative Director  
**PHONE NUMBER:** (530) 993-6746

**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution approving the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual packet of compliance letters including the Subvention Certificate of Compliance and Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and authorizing the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health to sign the Certificates annually.

**SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**  Memo  Resolution  Agreement  Other  
Subvention Certificate of Compliance and Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Please see attached memo.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** 0515670  
**GENERAL FUND IMPACT:** No General Fund Impact  
**OTHER FUND:** 5671  
**AMOUNT:** \$ 24,000 N/A

**ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?**  
 Yes, -- --  
 No

**IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET?**  Yes  No  
**IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED?**  Yes  No

**SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE**

<p><b>BOARD ACTION:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2022- _____ Agreement 2022- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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**COMMENTS:**

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CLERK TO THE BOARD

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DATE

# Memorandum

**To:** Sierra County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Lea Salas, Administrative Director of Behavioral Health

**Reference:** Agenda Item

**Date of memo:** September 2, 2022

**Date of Board Meeting:** September 20, 2022

**Requested Action:**

Resolution approving the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual packet of compliance letters including the Subvention Certificate of Compliance and Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and authorizing the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health to sign the Certificates annually.

**Mandated by:**

This action is mandated by the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Sierra County must submit these annual letters certifying compliance to maintain good standing within the Department of Veteran Affairs, as well as to be partially reimbursed for expenses incurred in the operation of the County Veterans Service Office.

**Funding:**

California Department of Veterans Affairs and MHSa Prevention and Early Intervention

**Budgeted?** Yes X

No

<b>Revenue</b>	\$24,000	<b>Up to \$24,000 Received from California Department of Veterans Affairs</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	\$75,000	<b>Budgeted in the MHSa 2020-2023 Program and Expenditure Plan</b>
<b>Difference</b>	\$51,000	<b>Paid out of MHSa 2020-2023 Program and Expenditure Plan under the PEI program of Veteran's Advocate</b>

**Background Information:**

The Sierra County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 2020-019 approving Sierra becoming a Veterans Service Office and to appoint the position of a Veterans Service Officer. Dan Henson was appointed the Veterans Service Officer and completed the Veterans Services Officer training allowing Sierra County the status of being a Veterans Service Office. While Mr. Henson retired, Sierra County Behavioral Health is continuing to fill the needed requirements of a Veterans Service Office to provide a seamless transition once the Veterans Service Officer position is filled.

Sierra County Behavioral Health has been in contact with Cal Vet to determine next steps. The approval of the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Subvention Certificate of Compliance for fiscal year 2022/2023 is needed to receive the available funding. The approval of the Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance for fiscal year 2022/2023 is needed to maintain being in good standing with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Potential Issues to consider:** Sierra County will not be recognized as having a Veterans Service Office or a Veterans Service Officer, thus not receiving available funding from the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Alternatives or Impacts of disapproval:**

Alternative: Continue on with Veteran's Advocate program funded through MHSa. Sierra County will not be recognized as a Veteran Service Office and will not provide Veterans the benefit of being one.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SIERRA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNUAL PACKET OF COMPLIANCE LETTERS INCLUDING THE SUBVENTION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND ANNUAL MEDI-CAL COST AVOIDANCE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATES ANNUALLY**

**WHEREAS**, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 2020-019 approving Sierra becoming a Veterans Service Office and to appoint the position of a Veterans Service Officer;

**WHEREAS**, the approval of the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Subvention Certificate of Compliance for fiscal year 2022/2023 is needed to receive the available funding and the approval of the Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance for fiscal year 2022/2023 is needed to maintain being in good standing with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual packet of compliance letters including the Subvention Certificate of Compliance and Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and authorizing the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health to sign the Certificates annually.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra, State of California on the 20th day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

**AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:**

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PAUL ROEN  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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HEATHER FOSTER  
Clerk of the Board

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DAVID PRENTICE  
County Counsel

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance  
 Fiscal Year 2022/2023**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ County has appointed a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4. Please consider this as our application to participate in the Medi-cal Cost Avoidance Program authorized by Military and Veterans Code Section 972.5

I understand and will comply with the following:

1. All activities of the CVSO for which payment is made by the CalVet under this agreement will reasonably benefit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or realize cost avoidance to the Medi-Cal program. All State and County Medi-Cal Eligibility Workers who generate a Form MC 05 (Military Verification and Referral form) will be instructed to indicate the applicant's Aid Code on the face of the form.
2. All monies received under this agreement shall be allocated to and spent on the salaries and expenses of the CVSO.
3. This agreement is binding only if federal funds are available to CalVet from the DHCS.
4. The CVSO is responsible for administering this program in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 12, Subchapter 4 and *the CalVet Procedure Manual for Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance* for the current state fiscal year.

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 Chair, County Board of Supervisors  
 (or other County Official authorized  
 by the Board to act on their behalf)

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 Date

**SCAN AND UPLOAD THIS COMPLETED FORM VIA THE AGENCY ATTACHMENTS IN VETPRO**

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**Annual Subvention Certificate of Compliance  
 Fiscal Year 2022/2023**

Charge:

Funds are distributed under this program to counties as partial reimbursement for expenses incurred in the operation of the County Veterans Service Office. Funds are distributed according to Military and Veterans Code Sections 972, and 972.1, a State General Fund Expenditure, and 972.2 a Special Fund Expenditure.

County Certification:

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ County has appointed a veteran to serve as the County Veterans Service Officer according to California Code of Regulations Title 12, Subchapter 4. This County Veterans Service Officer will administer the aid provided for in Military and Veterans Code Division 4, Chapter 5. This County Veterans Service Officer must achieve and maintain accreditation from the California Department of Veterans Affairs within 18 months of employment or within 18 months of the County Veterans Service Officer position becoming vacant, whichever occurs first. Veterans Service Representative staff filing claims must also achieve and maintain accreditation from the California Department of Veterans Affairs within 18 months of employment.

I certify that the County Veteran Service Officer will assist every veteran of the United States, as well as their dependents and survivors, in presenting and pursuing such claim as they may have against the United States. The County Veterans Service Officer and all accredited staff will also assist in establishing veterans, dependents and survivors' rights to any privilege, preference, care or compensation provided for by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, or any local jurisdiction.

I certify that information contained within the VetPro database will not be distributed to any entity outside of the County Veteran Service Office, including other County Departments. Additionally, I certify that all College Fee Waiver Approval and Denial letters will be generated within the VetPro database. I also authorize the County Veterans Service Officer to actively participate in the promotion of the California Veterans License Plate program.

I certify that this county, through the County Veterans Service Office, will maintain records for audit. These records will be maintained for a minimum of two years. The county agrees to submit reports in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by CalVet and in accordance with the *CalVet Procedure Manual for Subvention and Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance* for the current state fiscal year. The County Veterans Service Officer will permit CalVet representatives to inspect all records upon request.

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