

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 19.1
(ID # 26649)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 04, 2025

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: HARMONY HAVEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTER: Receive and file Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center Program Overview from September through December 2024 of the facility's operation, activities, and census; All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Governing Board:

1. Receive and file Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center Program Overview Report from September through December 2024, regarding the facility's operation, activities, and census.

ACTION:Consent


Charity Douglas, DPSS Director

1/22/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 4, 2025
xc: DPSS/Harmony Haven

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	N/A
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-267 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2023, item number 3.23, to appoint Board of Directors for Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center, to perform duties as described in publication LIC 9165, up to and including, conduct Board of Directors' meetings at least on a quarterly basis, be active in ensuring accountability, and review and discuss the facility's operation that shall include the incidents concerning a child/youth in the facility involving contact with law enforcement that were reported to California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center (HHCYC) is a Transitional Shelter Care Facility (TrSCF) that offers 24-hour care and supervision to youth who need immediate care and supervision while awaiting a more permanent placement solution. HHCYC serves youth in Riverside County who are removed from their homes or experiencing a disruption in placement. By implementing transitional shelter provisions, the County strives to meet the need for brief, temporary care for displaced youth.

HHCYC continues to look for community partnerships for ongoing program expansion to enhance services offered to youth at the facility.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

By providing consistent feedback on the status of all children/youth at the facility through the daily census report and analyzing those reports during the Board of Directors' meetings, HHCYC shall ensure accountability to the safety and health of children/youth and staff, as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1520.1(f).

Additional Fiscal Information

There will be no impact on the County's general fund.

ATTACHMENT:

ATTACHMENT A. Harmony Haven Overview Report with summary of Census Reporting for months of September through December 2024.



HARMONY HAVEN

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTER

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024



COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE SERVICE FIRST

Regardless of the complexity of needs, children and youth are provided an environment of safety, healing, and individualized trauma informed care to stabilize and support transitions to loving homes.

LICENSED 72 HOUR
TRANSITIONAL SHELTER
CARE FACILITY



48 BEDS

COMPREHENSIVE
SERVICES



THERAPEUTIC SETTING

VISION

Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center (HHCYC), a 72-hour Transitional Shelter Care Facility, provides therapeutic and individualized trauma-informed care and supervision to Riverside County foster youth.

PURPOSE

HHCYC strives to stabilize foster youth with complex care needs through supportive services as they await placement into permanent loving homes.

SERVICES AND SUPPORT

EDUCATION

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

CLINICAL CASE MANAGEMENT

HHCYC collaborates with departments to ensure appropriate services are available to support all potential placements. The Central Placement Unit works around the clock to secure placements for youth at HHCYC with an effort to reduce the length of stay.

PROGRESS REPORT DATA

September to December, 2024

46
days



Average length of
stay during this
reporting period

2,056



Average number of
placement calls, per
youth, made by staff
during the reporting
period

CENSUS REPORTING

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2024

18

LOWEST CAPACITY OF YOUTH IN DECEMBER, 2024

LOW

29

AVERAGE NUMBER OF YOUTH AT HARMONY HAVEN

AVERAGE

40

HIGHEST CAPACITY OF YOUTH IN OCTOBER, 2024

HIGH

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

It takes a village to transform the lives of our children and youth. Thank you to our many partners, including, but certainly not limited to:

- Department of Behavioral Health
- RUHS - Friday Night Live
- Riverside County Sheriff
- Beaumont Unified School District
- Seneca Family of Agencies
- Pacific Clinics
- Probation
- County Counsel
- Office of Health & Wellness
- Child Support Division
- Public Health
- Catalyst Center

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

RUHS - Friday Night Live (FNL) is a valuable teen program that focuses on life skills and character development. FNL build's partnerships that promote positive and healthy youth development, engaging youth to become active leaders in their communities.

The youth-adult partnerships focus on preventing substance use, taking a stand against alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse among youth. FNL provides tools to help HHCYC youth enhance their decision-making skills and develop responsibility through fun, interactive activities. HHCYC is a proud chapter member of the FNL community and has participated in several FNL activities on campus for youth.



HHCYC UPDATES

- **Our organizational commitment to continuous quality improvement included hosting cross county collaboration events to enhance and strengthen processes, including the reduction of onsite incidents, improved communication and safety measures.**
- **Thank you to our community partners for their continued support with meeting the needs of our Riverside County youth, particularly during this holiday season with toy drives, clothing drives and various donations.**