

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor:
duly seconded by Supervisor:

the following Resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ YOUTH
CRISIS STABILIZATION PROGRAM FACILITY AND ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL
TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, TREATMENT, CRISIS
INTERVENTION, DISCHARGE PLANNING AND REFERRAL FOR FURTHER TREATMENT
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGE SEVENTEEN AND UNDER, UNDER THE
CHILDREN'S CIVIL COMMITMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT AND
THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2023, the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency requested the Department of Health Care Services, Licensing and Certification Division's approval to rescind the designation of Telecare Corporation of Santa Cruz Crisis Stabilization Program as a Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5585 designated acute psychiatric evaluation and treatment facility for minors so that the program would no longer accept minor clients age seventeen and younger, citing the risk of having both adults and minors in the same facility; and

WHEREAS, County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Behavioral Health Division secured grant funding and local financial resources totaling approximately \$26.1 million to acquire a permanent location for the County's Youth Crisis Stabilization and Youth Crisis Residential Programs, and with the Board of Supervisors' approval purchased and renovated a building at 5300 Soquel Avenue in mid-county Santa Cruz to site an eight-chair Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit and a sixteen-bed Youth Crisis Residential Unit; and

WHEREAS, that facility is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, as amended, codified in Section 5000 et seq. of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, specifically Section 5404, provides that the Board of Supervisors of each county may designate facilities, which are not hospitals or clinics, as 72-hour evaluation and treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of each county may also designate professional personnel authorized to provide assessment, evaluation, treatment, crisis intervention, discharge planning, and referral for further treatment for children and youth aged seventeen (17) and younger who are subject to the Children's Civil Commitment and Mental Health Treatment Act and the LPS Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2025, the Board of Supervisors authorized the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Behavioral Health Division to negotiate a contract with Aspiranet for program start-up costs and to develop procedures in preparation for opening and operating the Youth Crisis Stabilization Programs that will be located at the new facility; and

WHEREAS, in summary, the Santa Cruz County Youth Crisis Stabilization Programs will be located at 5300 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, California, 95062, in a building purchased with the Board of Supervisors approval for that purpose, and designed and renovated with State grant funds and local funds to meet certain criteria established by the State Departments of Health Care and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, when complete, the Youth Crisis Stabilization Program Facility has been designed and constructed to meet the necessary criteria to be designated by the Board of Supervisors as a facility for the assessment, evaluation, treatment, crisis intervention, discharge planning and referral for further treatment of children and youth aged seventeen (17) and younger pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 5150, 5585.5 and 5585.55, for minors, as of the day it is open, currently estimated to be within the timeframe of August 1, 2025- September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that the Santa Cruz County Youth Crisis Stabilization Facility and the Crisis Evaluation and Stabilization Unit meet the necessary criteria to be designated by the Board as psychiatric facilities for the evaluation and treatment of persons under the above-referenced code sections as of the first day the facility is open; and

WHEREAS, the facility so designated will possess the necessary professional staff and equipment to provide the evaluation and treatment required by the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Santa Cruz County Youth Crisis Stabilization Program Facility, located at 5300 Soquel Avenue in Santa Cruz, California is hereby authorized and designated as a children's evaluation and treatment facility under Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5000 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Section 821, and that the professional persons identified in Attachment A are hereby authorized and designated, with approval by the State Department of Health Care Services and the State Department of Social Services, as of the first day the facility is open; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this designation shall remain in effect until rescinded by further action of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 10th day of June, 2025 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:


ABSTAIN:

Felipe Hernandez, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Juliette Rezzatto
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

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John B. Nguyen
Office of the County Counsel

Attachment A: Authorized Personnel

Attachment A

Personnel Authorized to Initiate 72-Hour Holds of Minors in Santa Cruz County

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County Behavioral Health Staff:

- Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists
- Supervising Mental Health Client Specialists
- Behavioral Health Managers
- Sr. and Mental Health Client Specialists I and II
- Chief of Psychiatry
- Director, Behavioral Health Division
- Director, Mental Health Services
- Mental Health Nurse Clinician
- Mental Health Counselor I, II
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health and Behavioral Health Staff
- Licensed Mobile Crisis Team Members

Youth Crisis Stabilization Programs Facility/Crisis Stabilization Unit

- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists and waived eligible clinical staff
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers and waived eligible clinical staff
- Licensed Family Therapists and waived eligible clinical staff
- Registered Nurses with behavioral/mental health experience

Dominican and Watsonville Community Hospitals

- Medical Directors
- Psychiatrists (who provide formal consultation)
- Psychologists (who are on staff)
- Emergency Room Physicians
- Licensed Social Workers
- Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners with behavioral/mental health experience

University of California, Santa Cruz

- Clinical Director of Counseling Center
- Chief Psychiatrist
- Peace Officers

Other Professionals

- Encompass Community Services – Executive and Program Directors, licensed clinical staff
- Homeless Persons Health Project – Licensed Sr. Mental Health Specialists, Program Managers and Supervisors

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