



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: February 21, 2017
Board Meeting Date: April 11, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Cassius Lockett, Director, Public Health, Policy and Planning

Subject: Acceptance of an Increase in Funding from the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch for Tuberculosis Civil Detention Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of an increase in funding from the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch to provide tuberculosis civil detention services, increasing the amount by \$38,220, to an amount not to exceed \$137,865.

BACKGROUND:

Tuberculosis Control Programs are an essential part of every county in the state. These programs provide Tuberculosis (TB) case management, directly-observed therapy, and monitoring of TB cases to ensure medication compliance with treatments prescribed. Per California Code of Regulations Title 17 Section 2624, a county health officer can order non-compliant TB patients to be admitted to a custodial facility to ensure that the patients receive appropriate TB treatment and prevent further spread of TB in the community.

Telecare Corporation (Telecare) operates Cordilleras Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, the Regional Civil Detention Site for non-adherent TB patients with mental health diagnoses in Northern California. Telecare provides psychiatric treatment services and direct observation therapy services for non-adherent TB patients. There are only two sites available in the state for this purpose. Due to the Health System's existing relationship with and the location of Telecare in our County, the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch (CDPH) has asked that the Health System contract with Telecare to provide these services to local health jurisdictions in Northern California. CDPH provides pass through funding to San Mateo County to pay Telecare for the services.

In June 2016, the Chief of the Health System accepted \$99,645 in funding from CDPH for civil detention services, and negotiated an agreement with Telecare for one bed at Cordilleras Mental Health Rehabilitation Center for the same amount.

DISCUSSION:

CDPH has provided \$38,220 in additional funding to reserve a second bed at Cordilleras for the detainment of one additional persistently non-adherent TB patient in the Northern California region.

The resolution contains the County’s standard provisions allowing amendment of the County’s fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The acceptance of the award contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing funds to identify and case manage patients with TB to prevent spread of the disease. It is anticipated that approximately 63 active TB cases will be case managed by the Health System’s TB Control Program to ensure they are no longer infectious, with exposed contacts investigated and managed accordingly.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Number of active TB cases that will be case managed to ensure they are no longer infectious, with exposed contacts investigated and managed accordingly	63	63

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement remains July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The funding adds \$38,220, for a new total of \$137,865. The revenue and expenditures associated with this award are included in the Public Health, Policy and Planning FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. Since the County is receiving these awarded funds and no matching funds are required, there is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.