



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



DATE: July 25, 2012
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 28, 2012
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with Unity Care Group, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A. Authorizing an amendment to the FY 2011-12 agreement with Unity Care Group, Inc. to increase funding for the provision of mental health services, increasing the amount by \$40,000 to \$156,720; and
- B. Authorizing an agreement with Unity Care Group, Inc. for the provision of mental health services for FY 2012-13, in the amount of \$116,720

BACKGROUND:

Unity Care Group, Inc. located in San Jose, provides mental health services. These services include: Day Treatment Services (which includes Day Treatment Intensive and Day Rehabilitation), medication support, therapy services, crisis intervention, case management and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) to San Mateo County youth placed in this out-of-county facility. Historically, clients have been placed in the facility by other County departments such as the Human Services Agency and the Probation Department. This is one of only a few residential treatment facilities that is able to meet the clients' needs relatively close to their families in San Mateo County.

On July 27, 2011, your Board approved an agreement with Unity Care Group, Inc. for the provision of mental health services, for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, for a maximum obligation of \$116,720.

Under the B-1 Administrative memorandum, selection of providers of mental health services for clients placed in out-of-county facilities by other agencies are exempt from the requirement for a Requests for Proposals (RFP) process.

DISCUSSION:

The amendment to the agreement increases funding for mental health services,

medication support, crisis intervention, case management, and TBS for San Mateo County youth. The increase is, in part, due to an unusually high placement of youth at this facility by Child Welfare and Probation. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) was informed after the youth had been placed and services were delivered. In addition, invoices submitted by the provider underwent review and scrutiny by the BHRS program supervisor to ensure accuracy, which resulted in an adjustment of payment.

In the agreement for FY 2012-13, the contractor will provide mental health services, Day Treatment Services, medication support, crisis intervention, case management, and TBS for four San Mateo County youth.

BHRS requests your Board to authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term of services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The amendment, agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The contractor meets insurance certification requirements.

The contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits. The agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

The amendment and agreement contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing comprehensive mental health services, including Day Treatment Services to seriously emotionally disturbed youth. BHRS provides a range of services to promote wellness and recovery and to support consumers remaining in the lowest possible level of care. The provision of Day Treatment Services for youth is one established level of care. The services provided contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 95% of the children served through this agreement will be maintained at a current or reduced level of placement.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2011-12 Estimate	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at the current or a reduced level of placement.	95%	95%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the amended agreement remains July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The agreement maximum is being increased by \$40,000 for a new maximum of \$156,720 and is funded as follows: \$17,600 from 2011 Realignment, as for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSAT) services to children and youth, \$20,000 from Federal Financial Participation, and \$2,400 from 1991 Realignment as the required match for EPSAT. There is no Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included

in the BHRS FY 2011-12 Adopted Budget.

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and the maximum obligation is \$116,720. Of that amount, it is anticipated that \$58,360 will be funded by Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation; \$51,357 will be funded by Realignment as required match for children and youth with Medi-Cal eligibility; and \$7,003 will be funded by Net County Cost. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement. Funds for these services have been included in the BHRS FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.