



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 31, 2012
Board Meeting Date: September 11, 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 Mental Health Association of San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution waiving the Request for Proposals process and authorizing an agreement for Full Service Partnership services with the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County for the provision of housing services for the seriously mentally ill and Flexible Fund administration for FY 2012 -13 in the amount of \$1,649,843.

BACKGROUND:

The Mental Health Association of San Mateo County (MHA) has contracted with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to provide shelter, supported housing, housing for transition-age youth and other mental health rehabilitation services to San Mateo County clients for many years. These services focus primarily on providing low cost, community-based alternatives for BHRS clients who are at risk of an acute inpatient psychiatric admission, placement in a locked skilled nursing facility, or becoming homeless. In addition, MHA provides Flexible Funds administration for Adult and Older Adult Services and the Pathways Program. Flexible Funds are used to purchase unique services for BHRS clients such as food, shelter, clothing and other basic necessities to help them maintain independent living in the community, to remain engaged in mental health services, and to avoid hospitalization.

Under the B-1 Administrative memorandum, the selection of providers of housing services for BHRS clients is exempt from the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

In 2009 BHRS conducted a Request for Proposals process to select providers of FSP services, with the option to extend services for an additional two years. MHA was one of the providers selected for the provision of FSP services. Due to the complexity of these programs and the need to ensure continuity of care, BHRS recommends waiver of the RFP process to provide FSP services through June 30, 2014. This will allow

current services to continue without interruption and allow BHRS time to collect additional data with which to evaluate the contractor's success. BHRS plans to issue an RFP in FY 2013-14 for services beginning July 1, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

BHRS is contracting with MHA for the provision of rehabilitation services for seriously mentally ill (SMI) adults with mental health and co-occurring disorders and emergency short-term housing at the Spring Street Emergency Shelter for homeless, mentally ill clients. MHA will also provide Shelter Plus Care Project coordination, operate the Friendship Center, and administer Flexible Funds for Adult and Older Adult Services and the Pathways Program. In addition, MHA will secure and manage twenty (20) units of high-quality housing for transition-age youth (TAY) Full Service Partnership (FSP) enrollees. It is anticipated contractor will continue to provide these services in FY 2013-14 under the current RFP.

BHRS requests that your Board 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 or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The contractor meets insurance certification requirements. Further, the contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Services 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. This agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing transitional residential treatment and supported housing for seriously mentally ill adults. 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 transitional residential treatment is one established level of care. It is anticipated that no more than 15% of clients who receive services through this agreement shall be hospitalized. **PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
No more than 15% of the clients enrolled in programs shall be hospitalized	1%*	15%
Percentage of clients that obtain (permanent or transitional) housing	59%	50%

*Exceeded contract standard

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and the maximum obligation is \$1,649,843. Of that amount, \$745,230 will be funded by sales tax through Realignment, \$341,034 by Federal Medi-Cal; \$22,727 from Medicare; \$200,000 by Mental Health Services Act for Supported Housing; \$22,000 by the SAMHSA Total Wellness Grant; \$23,000 by Mental Health Services Act for Workforce Education and Training and \$31,634 will be funded by insurance and fees. The Net County Cost is \$264,218. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement. These funds have been included in the BHRS FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.