



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



DATE: January 25, 2013
BOARD MEETING DATE: February 26, 2013
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 Psynergy Programs, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Psynergy Programs, Inc. for the provision of residential mental health services for the term of March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$495,000.

BACKGROUND:

Psynergy Programs Inc. has three facilities: two located in Morgan Hill and one located in Greenfield, California. These facilities provide mental health residential services, which include: rehabilitative mental health services, psychiatric services, medication support, individual and group therapy, and Modified Therapeutic Community.

Under the B-1 Administrative memorandum, the selection of providers housing services and related supports for mental health clients is exempt from the requirement for a Requests for Proposals (RFP) process. BHRS manages the placements in this and other residential service facilities within the total budgeted amount for mental health residential services.

DISCUSSION:

These facilities provide a Modified Therapeutic Community (MTC) model of therapy for persons with co-occurring disorders and is an evidenced based practice. These mental health residential facilities provide a full range of services including an on-site clinic. They offer many therapeutic programs as well as enhanced medical support for specific issues such as diabetes care. These housing options are a vital resource for difficult to place clients, such as those who unnecessarily remain in locked facilities because they are unable to manage their health issues independently. With this option, clients can be moved to a more appropriate lower level of care, which will be a cost savings for the County. The programs emphasize independent living skills, nutrition and exercise, among other things.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (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 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 contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing residential board and care services to mentally ill clients. 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 residential board and care services is one established level of care. The services provided through this agreement contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 90% of clients who receive services through this agreement shall rate services as good or better.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percentage of client survey respondents who shall rate services as good or better.	N/A*	90%

*this is a new agreement and no data is yet available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, and the maximum obligation is \$495,000. For FY 2012-13 the maximum amount will be \$50,000. Of that, it is expected that \$18,000 will be through Federal Financial Participation for MediCal, \$27,000 will be from 1991 Realignment, and \$5,000 will be Net County Cost. Funds for these services have been included in the BHRS FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget. Similar funding arrangements will be made for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15.