



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 1, 2013
Board Meeting Date: August 6, 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 and Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with Voices of Recovery San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Voices of Recovery San Mateo County to provide consumer-operated self-help and peer-support services, criminal justice realignment services, and wellness and recovery services, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$197,500.

BACKGROUND:

Voices of Recovery San Mateo County (VORSMC) is the only agency that provides consumer-operated self-help and peer-support services for individuals with co-occurring alcohol and drug and mental health disorders within San Mateo County. In an effort to support those who have been affected by addiction, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) collaborated with local Behavioral Health Systems to create VORSMC to serve individuals with co-occurring illnesses. These services are essential to supporting consumers as they progress through all phases of wellness/recovery, including periods of relapse. Peer-support services are cost effective and have been found to reach and engage clients who otherwise may not be able to participate in community activity programs on their own. In September 2011 VORSMC was established as an independent 501(c)(3) consumer-run organization to provide consumer peer-support and self-help services in San Mateo County.

In September 2011 Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requested and was granted by the County Manager's Office a three-year waiver of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for peer-support services performed by VORSMC. The waiver allows VORSMC the opportunity to demonstrate its operational ability and to document its success in serving this target population. BHRS plans to release an RFP in FY 2013-14 for services beginning July 1, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

VORSMC will provide consumer-operated self-help and peer-support services for individuals with co-occurring alcohol and drug and mental health disorders within San Mateo County. Contractor will also provide health and wellness groups and support through the Total Wellness Program, and provide services to formerly incarcerated adults through the Criminal Justice Realignment Act.

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 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. 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 consumer-run peer-support services for adults and transition-age youth. BHRS provides a range of services to support consumers as they progress through all phases of wellness/recovery, and through periods of relapse. The provision of consumer-run peer-support services is one established level of support. The services provided contribute to this measure. Participation in support activities is an indicator of recovery improvement and clients' commitment to their own wellness and recovery. An increase in unduplicated attendance indicates that contractor is serving a larger audience and successful in attempts to reach an underserved population. It is anticipated that there will be a 10% increase in unduplicated attendance to peer support/recovery activities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Estimate	FY 2013-14 Projected
Percentage of increase in unduplicated attendance to peer support/recovery activities	10%	10%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and the maximum obligation is \$197,500. Of that amount, the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$160,000 and AB 109 Criminal Justice Realignment will fund \$37,500. There is no Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement.