



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 24, 2013
Board Meeting Date: September 10, 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 Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Asian American Recovery Services, Inc. to provide mental health services to seriously emotionally disturbed students and outpatient mental health services authorized by the Mental Health Plan, for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$268,642.

BACKGROUND:

Providing school-based mental health services is a strategy identified by the State as necessary in reducing barriers to accessing mental health services. Asian American Recovery Services, Inc. (AARS) has partnered with San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to implement culturally competent initiatives that enable the behavioral health system to access resources to provide culturally-based services to underserved populations. AARS provides school-based mental health services to seriously emotionally disturbed students at middle schools in San Mateo County. On March 15, 2010, BHRS issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for school-based services. AARS submitted a proposal and was selected to provide these services in the northern region of the County.

AARS also provides outpatient mental health services. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, BHRS accepts any qualified provider for the provision of outpatient mental health services authorized through the Mental Health Plan and they are exempt from the RFP process requirement.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement with AARS is for the provision of school-based mental health services and for the provision of outpatient mental health services authorized by the Mental Health Plan (MHP). It increases the level of awareness and knowledge of mental health

issues and resources within the community. These services also promote the reduction of stigma associated with mental illness, and improve the capacity of treatment providers by creating opportunities for networking and sharing information regarding effective methods in meeting the mental health needs of this underserved population.

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. 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. This agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing school-based mental health services at middle schools to San Mateo County youth and outpatient mental health services. 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 school-based mental health services for youth is one established level of care. It is anticipated that 87% of clients who receive services through this agreement will be maintained at a current or lower level of care.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Estimate	FY 2013-14 Projected
Youth clients maintained at current or lower level of care	87%	87%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The maximum obligation is \$268,642. Of that amount the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$175,000; Federal Medi-Cal will fund \$42,213; Healthy Kids will fund \$16,194; 2011 Realignment for Managed Care services and Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) will fund \$34,230; and private insurance will fund \$1,005. There is no 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 are included in the BHRS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget.