



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** August 8, 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 and Recovery Services

**Subject:** Agreement with Unity Care Group, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Unity Care Group, Inc. to provide mental health services, therapeutic behavioral health services, and outreach and engagement services for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$136,720.

**BACKGROUND:**

Unity Care Group, Inc. located in San Jose, provides 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 close to their families in San Mateo County. 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 Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

In March 2013, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) issued a RFP for the provision of Outreach and Engagement Services in East Palo Alto. Unity Care Group responded with a proposal that was selected for the provision of outreach and engagement of youth and transitional aged youth in East Palo Alto.

**DISCUSSION:**

The contractor shall continue to provide mental health services, medication support, crisis intervention, case management, and TBS for four San Mateo County youth. In addition new services will be provided: contractor shall identify and engage youth and transitional aged youth and their families, increasing access and improving linkage to

behavioral health services, to a population who are currently un-served or underserved and in need of behavioral health 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 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.

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 comprehensive mental health services, including TBS 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 TBS 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(S):**

Measure	FY 2012-13 Estimate	FY 2013-14 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at the current or a reduced level of placement.	95%	95%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and the maximum obligation is \$136,720. Of that amount, it is anticipated that \$68,360 will be funded by Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation; \$54,688 will be funded by 2011 Realignment as required match for children and youth with Medi-Cal eligibility; and \$13,672 will be funded by Net County Cost. Funds for these services will be included in the BHRS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement increased by \$20,000 from the prior agreement due to the expansion and addition of services.