



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 2, 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 Mental Health Association of San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution waiving the Request for Proposals process for full service partnership services and authorizing an agreement with the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County to provide housing and housing-related mental health services, rehabilitation services and Flexible Fund administration, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$1,645,355.

BACKGROUND:

The Mental Health Association of San Mateo County (MHA) is a non-profit agency that was formed over 60 years ago as a volunteer organization which has since increased in scale and scope of services. They provide emergency housing and shelter, transitional and permanent housing and outpatient mental health and rehabilitation services to seriously mentally-ill (SMI) adults and to adults with co-occurring disorders in San Mateo County. Under the B-1 Administrative memorandum, the selection of providers of housing services for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) clients is exempt from the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

DISCUSSION:

MHA shall provide emergency housing and shelter and outpatient and rehabilitative mental health services to adults in San Mateo County. They will operate community-based Friendship Centers that provide social, recreational, wellness-based, and educational programs. They will also provide Shelter Plus Care Project coordination and administration of Flexible Funds for Adult and Older Adult Services and the Pathways Program. Furthermore, MHA will secure and manage twenty (20) units of high-quality housing for transition-age youth (TAY) Full Service Partnership (FSP) enrollees.

The RFP for Full Service Partnership services for youth was released in July 2009. Built into the RFP was the option to extend services for another two years. 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.

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. Permanent or transitional housing won't be achieved for all of the clients at MHA shelters; clients will be offered those services but not all will accept. Some will only accept temporary respite or hot meals. The contractor will work with an eventual goal of more stable housing. It is anticipated that 50% of homeless clients currently in shelters who receive services through this agreement shall obtain stable (permanent or transitional) housing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2012-13 Estimate | FY 2013-14 Projected |
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| Transitional Residential Services: Percentage of clients obtaining stable (permanent or transitional) housing. | 50% | 50% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and the maximum obligation is \$1,645,355. Funding will be as follows: Sales tax through Realignment: \$747,232 (46%); Federal Medi-Cal: \$268,148 (16%); Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) for Supportive Housing: \$200,000 (12%); SAMHSA Total Wellness Grant: \$22,000 (1%); MHSA for Workforce Education and Training: \$11,000 (1%); Insurance and Fees: \$115 (<1%); Net County Cost: \$396,860 (24%). The payment provisions and

levels of service are decreased by \$5,590 from the prior agreement due to a reduction in the Lived Experience scholarship fund. These funds have been included in the BHRS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget.