



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: August 7, 2013
Board Meeting Date: September 17, 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 Laurel Park, A Center for Effective Living

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution waiving the Request for Proposals process and authorizing an agreement with Laurel Park, A Center for Effective Living to provide residential services for mentally ill clients with hearing impairment for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$671,212.

BACKGROUND:

Last year, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) began to place clients with complex co-occurring disorders (hearing impairment, mental retardation, as well as a mental health diagnosis) at Laurel Park, A Center for Effective Living (Laurel Park). Facilities, such as Laurel Park, are necessary to prevent clients with co-occurring illnesses from moving to a higher level of care, to assist in the transition of clients from locked facilities to a lower form of care, and to enhance successful community living. After a search of potential providers, BHRS identified Laurel Park as the only treatment facility that could meet the complex service needs of the client.

DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement the contractor will provide residential care services to up to three hearing-impaired adult clients between the ages of eighteen to fifty-nine. These services will enhance successful community living and avoid a more costly, higher level of care. There is no skilled nursing facility (SNF)/institution for mental disease (IMD) in San Mateo County which treats individuals with hearing impairment and/or co-occurring mental retardation and a serious mental illness.

Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, services provided by an independent contractor, which is the sole source of those particular services, may be waived from the

Request for Proposals (RFP) process. BHRS believes it is the best interest of the County to waive the requirement for an RFP.

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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community through the provision of residential SNF services within an IMD setting to mentally ill clients. Behavioral Health and Recovery 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 residential services is one established level of care. The services provided contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that no more than ten percent (10%) of all admissions will be discharged to an acute psychiatric level of care.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Estimate	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percentage of clients discharged to an acute psychiatric level of care.	10%*	10%

* Data collection for this measure is under development, no results available in FY 2012-13.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$671,212. For FY 2013-14 the maximum obligation is \$223,533. Of that amount, sales tax through Realignment will fund \$184,443 and the Net County Cost will be \$39,090. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are higher than the prior agreement because of the increase in the number of beds from one to three. Funds for these services will be included in the BHRS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for FY 2014-15 and for FY 2015-16.