



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



**Date:** April 29, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 17, 2014  
**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:** Data Use Agreement with Health Plan of San Mateo

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Health Plan of San Mateo for mental health and substance abuse data sharing for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. There is no funding associated with this agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) collaborate routinely on system design and improvement initiatives in order to benefit beneficiaries they both serve. HPSM has the capacity to do predictive modeling, data analysis for quality improvement purposes, program planning and evaluation, financial analysis, and reporting, all of which are also beneficial to BHRS in its planning efforts.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the State Department of Health Care Services both require HPSM and BHRS to conduct quality management activities for a broad range of behavioral health and substance use disorder services among their clients. Without comprehensive information about shared clients, HPSM and BHRS's quality management effectiveness is limited. Under federal law protecting patient confidentiality for treatment of substance use disorders, HPSM cannot integrate BHRS data into its analyses and provide the results to BHRS without putting in place a data use agreement to be a Qualified Service Organization (QSO) for BHRS.

**DISCUSSION:**

BHRS is requesting to enter into a data use agreement with HPSM for the provision of mental health and substance abuse data sharing, which will enable HPSM to provide QSO services for BHRS. Although the initial period for this agreement will be July 1,

2014 through June 30, 2015, the agreement will automatically renew for successive twelve (12) month periods with the same terms and conditions.

Through this agreement, HPSM and BHRS will be able to plan for programming and services that improve quality of care for beneficiaries they both serve. Analyses conducted by HPSM will contain medical, mental health, and substance use disorder utilization data for all clients; both the data sharing and associated reporting can be provided without jeopardizing patient confidentiality under the provisions of this agreement.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The contractor insurance certification requirements were waived by Risk Management.

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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing HPSM and BHRS more complete and accurate information regarding the chronic disease, mental health and substance use disorders their beneficiaries' experience. It is anticipated that 90% of the reports provided as a result of this data sharing will be completed by the scheduled due date.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2013-14 Estimated*</b>	<b>FY 2014-15 Projected</b>
Percentage of reports completed by scheduled due date.	NA*	90%

\*There is no data available for FY 2013-14.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Because no funding is associated with this agreement, there is no Net County Cost.