



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



**Date:** September 18, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** October 21, 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 and Recovery Services

**Subject:** Agreement with Mental Health Association of San Mateo County

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County for housing and housing-related mental health services, rehabilitation services and Flexible Fund administration for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$1,711,549.

**BACKGROUND:**

For many years, the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County (MHA) has contracted with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to provide shelter, supported housing and other mental health rehabilitation services to San Mateo County clients. These services focus primarily on providing low-cost, community-based alternatives for BHRS clients who are at risk of an acute inpatient psychiatric admission, placement in a locked skilled nursing facility, or becoming homeless. In addition, MHA provides Flexible Funds, which may be used to purchase unique services for BHRS clients such as food, shelter, clothing and other basic necessities. MHA's Flexible Funds help clients maintain independent living in the community, remain engaged in mental health services, and avoid hospitalization.

Under the B-1 Administrative memorandum, the selection of providers of housing services for BHRS clients is exempt from the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

**DISCUSSION:**

MHA will provide rehabilitation services for seriously mentally ill (SMI) adults with mental health and co-occurring disorders, as well as emergency short-term housing at the Spring Street Emergency Shelter for homeless clients. MHA will also provide Shelter Plus Care Project coordination, operate the Friendship Center, and administer Flexible Funds for BHRS' Adult and Older Adult Services and its Pathways Program. Finally,

MHA will secure and manage 20 units of high-quality housing for transition-age youth Full Service Partnership enrollees.

The Resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. 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 SMI adults. BHRS provides a range of services to promote wellness and recovery and to support consumers remaining in the lowest possible level of care. 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 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Transitional Residential Services: Percentage of clients obtaining stable (permanent or transitional) housing.	50%	50%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,711,549. Funding will be in the form of: \$744,376 (43%) from Sales Tax through Realignment; \$251,367 (15%) from Federal Medi-Cal; \$200,000 (12%) from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) for Supportive Housing; \$22,000 (1%) from a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Total Wellness Grant; \$26,000 (2%) from MHSA for Workforce Training; \$700 (<1%) from Medicare; and \$20,886 (1%) from a Veteran's Treatment Court Grant . The remaining balance of \$446,220 (26%) will be Net County Cost. The payment provisions and levels of service remain the same from the prior agreement. These funds are included in the BHRS FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget.