



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



**Date:** October 24, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** December 9, 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:** Agreement with Fred Finch Youth Center

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Fred Finch Youth Center for the provision of mental health services for children and youth, for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$1,794,542.

**BACKGROUND:**

Founded in 1891 as an orphanage, the not-for-profit organization Fred Finch Youth Center has since changed its focus in response to the changing needs of the community. The contractor is headquartered in Oakland, California and offers mental health and social services to children, young adults, and their families throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, including Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano counties. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with this agency since 1999. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of mental health services for clients placed in out-of-county facilities by other agencies is exempt from the Request for Proposals (RFP) process requirement.

In 2009, BHRS issued an RFP for Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) and In-Home Program Services, which is not exempt under the B-1 memo. Fred Finch Youth Center was the only respondent to the RFP, and was subsequently selected to provide these services. Last year, BHRS requested and was granted a waiver to the RFP for two years in order to maintain continuity of these services while funding was being re-examined.

**DISCUSSION:**

Fred Finch will provide TBS to San Mateo County youth who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries. TBS are short-term behavioral intervention services for severely emotionally disturbed youth experiencing stressful transitions or life crises and who are at risk of placement in

an institution or intensive residential program. This Contractor will also provide Full Service Partnership (FSP) services, which are strength-based wraparound and crisis response services tailored to meet the specific mental health, educational, social and cultural needs of youth placed in out-of-county foster care placements, as well as their foster parents/caregivers. Outpatient mental health services will also be provided. Furthermore, In-home Program Services will be provided to youth who are recently released from Juvenile Hall, at risk for group home placement, and in need of additional support to stabilize and to transition into the community. Lastly, Contractor will provide Co-chair services for the Filipino Mental Health Initiative.

The Resolution contains the County’s standard provisions allowing amendments 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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing mental health services to children and families. It is anticipated that 75% of clients who receive services will be maintained at current or lower level of care.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at current or lower level of care.	75%	75%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,794,542. This amount will be funded as follows: federal Medi-Cal (\$736,685); Realignment including match for Medi-Cal services for children and youth (\$470,155); SB 163 (Wraparound Services for Children, Youth, and Families) (\$169,880); MHSA (\$161,102); private insurance (\$4,452); and Filipino Mental Health Initiative Co-chair (\$10,300). Net County Cost (\$241, 96) Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget.