



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



**Date:** October 27, 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 and Recovery Services  
**Subject:** Agreement with Caminar

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Caminar for housing and housing-related mental health services, case management, rehabilitation, and Seeking Safety services, for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$7,423,182.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1964, the nonprofit agency Caminar has provided community-based services to individuals with serious mental illness. Caminar's programs focus on maximizing wellness and recovery opportunities for adults with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities. Caminar provides intensive residential care, transitional and permanent supported housing, supported education and supported employment, individual support services, and life skills training. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, housing and housing-related mental health services are exempt from the County Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

Seeking Safety is a part of the greater Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) initiative of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS). BHRS's AOD agreements that contain Mental Health PEI services were renewed in January 2014, to end on June 30, 2015. BHRS was granted a two-year RFP waiver for Mental Health PEI services in order to align with the end date of BHRS's AOD agreements that also contain PEI services.

**DISCUSSION:**

In January 2014, BHRS issued an RFP for the provision of Full Service Partnership Services (FSP) for Adults and Older Adults. FSP services are provided to San Mateo County consumers in need of housing support services, and who are uniquely identified

in specific service areas. These service areas may include consumers with high mental health and substance abuse challenges, involvement in the criminal justice system, homelessness, or a history of aggressive or volatile behavior. Caminar responded to the RFP with a proposal that was ultimately selected for the provision of these services.

In addition, Caminar will provide crisis residential treatment; transitional residential treatment; supported housing services (including housing rental subsidies and client transportation costs); case management (including intensive case management and wellness recovery programs); rehabilitation services (including supported education, supported employment, and enhanced supported education services for Transition Age Youth); Young Adult Independent Living services; and property management of subsidized housing. Additional services to be provided are the administration of the San Mateo Contractors' Association grant funding, the Seeking Safety program, and the management of transportation needs of clients in all contractor-sponsored programs.

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. The agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing housing and housing-related services, supported education services, and other rehabilitation 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 transitional residential services is one established level of care. It is anticipated that 77% of clients who receive services will be maintained at a 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	77%	77%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$7,423,182. Of that amount, it is anticipated that \$3,449,780 (43%) will be funded by sales tax through Realignment; \$2,576,016 (41%) by Federal Medi-Cal; \$393,090 (6%) by the Mental Health Services Act; \$139,703 (1%) by Medicare, insurance and fees; and \$39,820 (<1%) by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The Net County Cost is \$824,773 (9%), which includes the required match for Realignment. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. The payment provisions in the agreement remain essentially the same as compared to those of the prior agreement.