



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



**DATE:** May 24, 2012  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** June 19, 2012  
**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:

- A) Waiving the Request for Proposals process and authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Agreement with Fred Finch Youth Center for the provision of Therapeutic Behavioral Services for children and youth, Day Treatment Services and associated outpatient mental health services, Full Service Partnership Services, and In-Home Stabilization Services for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, for a maximum obligation of \$1,732,274; and
- B) Authorizing 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.

**BACKGROUND:**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with Fred Finch Youth Center (FFYC) for Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) since 1999. In 2003 this Contractor began to provide Day Treatment services for one San Mateo County youth placed by the Golden Gate Regional Center. This has since grown to include more children with the complex issue of a mental health diagnosis in addition to a developmental disability. In 2007 this Contractor began to provide mental health services for foster youth placed out-of-county under its Visiting Therapist Program (VTP) which in February 2010 was expanded into the more encompassing Full Service Partnership (FSP) program.

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 process requirement. That exemption applies to the provision of Day Treatment Services. In 2009 BHRS issued an RFP for TBS and Crisis Response In-Home Stabilization services. Fred Finch was the only respondent to the RFP, and was subsequently selected to provide these services. BHRS is requesting a waiver to the

RPF for two years in order to maintain continuity of these services while funding is being re-examined and is potentially in flux.

**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 FSP services. FSP services are strength-based wraparound and crisis response services tailored to meet the specific mental health, educational, social and cultural needs of youth placed in foster care placements outside of San Mateo County, as well as their foster parents/caregivers. Day Treatment services and associated outpatient mental health services will also be provided. Lastly, In-home Stabilization 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.

The Agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel. 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.

This Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing mental health services to children and families. 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 intensive mental health services for youth is one established level of care. The services provided contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 75% of clients who receive services will be maintained at a current or lower level of care.

**Performance Measure:**

Measure	FY 2011-12 Estimate	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at current or lower level of care.	75%	75%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and the maximum obligation is \$1,732,274. This amount will be funded as follows: \$703,446 by federal Medi-Cal; \$671,528 by Realignment including match for Medi-Cal services for children and youth; \$179,880 by SB 163 (Wraparound Services for Children, Youth, and Families); \$172,969 by MHSA; and \$4,451 by private insurance. There is no Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.