



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: May 25, 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 Voices of Recovery San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

A) Waiving the Request for Proposals process and authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Agreement with Voices of Recovery San Mateo County for the provision of consumer-operated self-help and peer-support services, criminal justice realignment, and wellness and recovery services for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, for a maximum obligation of \$172,500; 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:

Voices of Recovery San Mateo County (VORSMC) is the only agency that provides consumer-operated self-help and peer-support services for individuals with co-occurring alcohol and drug and mental health disorders within San Mateo County. In an effort to support those who have been affected by addiction, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) collaborated with local Behavioral Health Systems to create VORSMC to serve individuals with co-occurring illnesses. These services are essential to supporting consumers as they progress through all phases of wellness/recovery, including periods of relapse. Peer-support services are cost effective and have been found to reach and engage clients who otherwise may not be able to participate in community activity programs on their own. In September 2011 VORSMC was established as an independent 501(c)(3) consumer-run organization to provide consumer peer-support and self-help services in San Mateo County.

In October 2011 Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requested and was granted by the County Manager's Office a three-year waiver of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for peer-support services performed by VORSMC. Therefore, BHRS recommends waiver of the RFP process for VORSMC for the provision of peer-support services. The waiver will allow VORSMC the opportunity to demonstrate its operational ability and to document its success in serving this target population. BHRS plans to run an RFP in FY 2013-14 for services beginning July 1, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

VORSMC provides consumer-operated self-help and peer-support services for individuals with co-occurring alcohol and drug and mental health disorders within San Mateo County. Contractor will also provide health and wellness groups and support through the Total Wellness Program, and provide services to formerly incarcerated adults through the Criminal Justice Realignment Act.

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

The Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing consumer-run peer-support services for adults and transition-age youth. BHRS provides a range of services to support consumers as they progress through all phases of wellness/recovery, and through periods of relapse. The provision of consumer-run peer-support services is one established level of support. The services provided contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 90% of clients who receive services will rate services as good or better.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2011-12 Estimate	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percentage of customer survey respondents who rate services as good or better	90%	90%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and the maximum obligation is \$172,500. Of that amount, the Alcohol and Other Drug Services Trust Fund will fund \$100,000, the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$35,000, and AB 109 Criminal Justice Realignment will fund \$37,500. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.