



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 19, 2014
Board Meeting Date: April 22, 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: Amendment to the Agreement with Addiction Research and Treatment, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Addiction Research and Treatment, Inc. for narcotic replacement therapy services, extending the term through June 30, 2015, and increasing the amount by \$622,654 to an amount not to exceed \$1,245,308.

BACKGROUND:

On June 18, 2013, your Board approved an agreement with Addiction Research and Treatment, Inc. (ART) for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, for narcotic replacement therapy services provided to adult Drug Medi-Cal clients with complex needs. These services include daily methadone dosing, appropriate medical services, urine screening, addiction education and intervention, aftercare planning, patient follow-up, and follow-up with referring partners.

DISCUSSION:

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is requesting: (1) an extension of ART's agreement for one year, i.e. through June 30, 2015; and (2) an increase in the agreement amount of \$622,654, which would cover the cost of ART continuing its current level of service for this additional year; and (3) a waiver from the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The extension, increase, and waiver would allow BHRS to conduct an RFP and align all prevention and treatment contracts on a three-year timeline beginning on July 1, 2015. This extension was included as an option in the original RFP for narcotic replacement therapy services.

The amendment and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

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.

Approval of the agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing individuals and families with prevention and treatment services to support recovery, which in turn contributes to the health and safety of communities throughout San Mateo County. Methadone treatment is a very unique medication service provided to patients who are opiate dependent. Sustained abstinence over a one-year period is verified by a rigorous regime of testing for: alcohol, methadone, methadone metabolites, heroin, opium, other opioids, cocaine, amphetamine, methamphetamine and others. Each patient is randomly tested once a month. It is anticipated that 70% of patients will remain abstinent from the use of illicit drugs and abuse of other addictive substances.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Estimate	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percentage of patients that remain abstinent from the use of illicit drugs and abuse of other addictive substances	70%	70%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The agreement maximum is being increased by \$622,654 to an amount not to exceed \$1,245,308. The increase, funded by Federal Drug Medi-Cal (\$311,327) and State 2011 Drug Medi-Cal Realignment (\$311,327), will be included in the BHRS FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. There is no Net County Cost.