



**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 BAART Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with BAART Behavioral Health Services, Inc. for narcotic replacement therapy services and criminal justice realignment services, extending the term through June 30, 2015, and increasing the amount by \$418,765 to an amount not to exceed \$842,530.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 9, 2013, your Board approved an agreement with BAART Behavioral Health Services, Inc. (BAART) for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, for narcotic replacement therapy services, narcotic detoxification services, and criminal justice realignment services to formerly incarcerated adults. BAART provides these services to clients that are not eligible for Drug Medi-Cal or other healthcare. BAART has provided these contracted services to the County since January 2008.

**DISCUSSION:**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is requesting: (1) an extension of BAART's agreement for one year, i.e. through June 30, 2015; (2) a \$418,765 increase in the agreement amount, which would cover the cost of BART continuing its current level of service during that additional year; and (3) a waiver from the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The extension, increased amount, and waiver would allow BHRS 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 enrolled in the contractor's program 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 \$418,765 to an amount not to exceed \$842,530; the entire amount of the increase will be included in the BHRS FY2014-2015 Recommended Budget. \$187,133 of the \$418,765 increase is funded by AB 109 Criminal Justice Realignment (\$167,133) and Realignment Drug Court Funding (\$20,000). The remaining amount of \$231,632 is Net County Cost.