



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: August 4, 2014
Board Meeting Date: September 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 Front Street, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Front Street, Inc. for residential board and care services to mentally ill clients, for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$1,021,326.

BACKGROUND:

Front Street, Inc. provides unique services that are both difficult to find and necessary for clients who might otherwise require hospital placement. This contractor is the only Bay Area provider known to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) that provides 24-hour residential services for older adults with serious and persistent mental illness. The contractor has been providing these services since 2008.

Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of residential services for mental health clients is exempt from the Request for Proposals requirement. BHRS publishes a public notice every year to solicit applications for new providers.

DISCUSSION:

Under this agreement, Front Street, Inc. will provide eight dedicated beds providing 24-hour residential care services for older adults. This component of the housing allows a cost efficient alternative to using more costly emergency services (e.g., Psychiatric Emergency Services).

BHRS request your Board to authorize 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.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. Front Street, Inc. meets insurance certification requirements.

Front Street, Inc. 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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community through the provision of residential board and care services to mentally ill clients. BHRS provides a range of services to promote wellness and recovery and to support consumers remaining in the lowest possible level of care. It is anticipated that 75% of clients will be discharge to a less restrictive, more independent level of care.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2013-14 Estimate | FY 2014-15 Projected |
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| Percentage of clients who obtain stable (permanent or transitional) housing upon discharge | 71% | 75% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, and the maximum obligation is \$1,021,326 for the three-year term. For FY 2014-15, the maximum obligation is \$328,500. Of that amount, Federal Financial Participation for Medi-Cal eligible services will fund \$73,395 and \$255,105 is funded through sales tax Realignment. There is no Net County Cost. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement. Funds for these services will be included in the BHRS FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made in future years.