



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: August 5, 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 Unity Care Group, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Unity Care Group, Inc. for mental health services, and therapeutic behavioral health services for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$116,720.

BACKGROUND:

Unity Care Group, Inc. located in San Jose, provides medication support, therapy services, crisis intervention, case management and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) to San Mateo County youth placed in this out-of-county facility. Historically, clients have been placed in the facility by other County departments such as the Human Services Agency and the Probation Department. This is one of only a few residential treatment facilities that are able to meet clients' needs close to their families in San Mateo County. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, selection of providers of mental health services for clients placed in out-of-county facilities by other agencies are exempt from the requirement for a Request for Proposals process.

DISCUSSION:

The contractor shall continue to provide mental health services, medication support, crisis intervention, case management, and TBS for San Mateo County youth. In addition, new services will be provided to Transitional Age Youth who are currently unserved or underserved. The contractor shall identify and engage youth and Transitional Age Youth and their families, increasing access and improving linkages to behavioral health services.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requests 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. 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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing comprehensive mental health services, including TBS, to seriously emotionally disturbed youth. 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 TBS for youth is one established level of care. It is anticipated that 95% of the children served through this agreement will be maintained at a current or reduced level of placement.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at the current or a reduced level of placement.	95%	95%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$116,720. Of this amount, it is anticipated that \$58,360 will be funded by Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation; \$46,688 will be funded by 2011 Realignment as the required match for children and youth with Medi-Cal eligibility; and \$11,672 will be a Net County Cost. The payment provisions and levels of services 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.