



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: November 13, 2014
Board Meeting Date: January 27, 2015
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 Thunder Road

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Thunder Road for mental health services and substance use disorder services, for the term November 10, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$579,540.

BACKGROUND:

Since February 1991, the Oakland-based nonprofit agency Thunder Road has been providing co-occurring substance use disorder treatment services and mental health services to youth in a residential setting. As an integrated behavioral health program, Thunder Road combines individualized care and a family treatment component, addressing co-occurring substance use or abuse and mental health issues. The program works to prevent high-risk behaviors and improve impairments in family, school, daily living skills, housing and health as individually appropriate for each client.

DISCUSSION:

Thunder Road will provide residential treatment services to San Mateo County youth (ages 13 through 17) who have a mental health disorder and a co-occurring substance use disorder. Services are individualized through a treatment plan that will include: one-on-one counseling, group counseling, family and multi-family counseling, family educational services, individual educational services, recreational therapy services and recovery treatment services. The contractor will work with San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), Human Services Agency, and Probation departments to provide residential treatment services to adolescent age youth. BHRS is financially responsible for treatment costs associated with Medi-Cal recipients placed by these agencies in this out-of-county facility. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of mental health and substance abuse services

for clients placed in out-of-county facilities by other agencies are exempt from the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

The agreement is late due to a delay in notification that clients were being placed at this facility.

The Resolution contains the County's standard provision allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

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

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing mental health services and treatment services to support recovery to children and families in San Mateo County. Successful treatment occurs when a program participant completes his/her treatment plan or when a participant is transferred to the next appropriate level of care. It is anticipated that 75% of clients will successfully complete treatment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Youth successfully completing treatment	N/A	75% * 3 clients

* This is a new contractor providing new services, actual data will be available in FY 2015-16

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is November 10, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$579,540. Of this amount, it is anticipated that Measure A will fund \$444,540, Federal Financial Participation for Medi-Cal will fund \$75,000 and 2011 Realignment for EPSDT will fund \$60,000. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement. Revenues and expenditures for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. The payment provisions in the agreement are new, since Thunder Road has not provided services to BHRS to date.