



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 29, 2015
Board Meeting Date: September 1, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with American Institutes for Research for Research and Evaluation Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution authorizing an agreement with American Institutes for Research for the provision of research and evaluation services for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2013, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) issued a Request for Proposals to select a provider of research and evaluation services. American Institutes for Research (AIR) submitted a proposal and was selected to provide a portion of these services, along with another proposer, Prins, Williams Analytics, LLC.

DISCUSSION:

Federal and State programs require BHRS to submit evaluations and reports on program outcomes. These requirements have increased as a result of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), which requires evaluation design, analysis, and reporting on new initiatives to improve access to underserved populations. Measure A funding has also increased reporting requirements.

BHRS is contracting with AIR to provide research, analysis, and evaluation services. These services include contract performance data analysis, MHSA reporting and evaluation, and progress monitoring for initiatives (e.g., Diversity and Equity, Prevention and Early Intervention, Welcoming and Engagement, Empowering Clients and Families, Foster Total Wellness, and System of Care Enhancements) that require integrating data from separate mental health and drug / alcohol information systems. The data provided

by AIR will be used to assist BHRS managers in maintaining oversight of contracted provider services and ensuring quality services for BHRS clients.

This contract is late because BHRS, as a part of its due diligence for this agreement, needed to review the contractor's FY 14-15 units of service and costs, prior to finalizing this new contract for FY 15-16.

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. This agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

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

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing research and evaluation services to evaluate the quality, utilization and need of mental health and co-occurring services for BHRS clients. 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 research and evaluation services is a function needed to ensure the quality of BHRS services and identify gaps in either services or the populations served. It is anticipated that 100% of the data performance products provided by the contractor will be completed within a mutually agreed upon timeframe.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimate	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percentage of data performance products provided in mutually agreed upon timeframe	100% 15 Products	100% 15 Products

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The maximum obligation is \$170,000. Of this amount, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Block Grant will fund \$21,948; Federal Financial Participation for Medi-Cal will fund \$70,720; 1991 Realignment will fund \$50,715, and MHSA will fund \$26,617. There is no net county cost. Funds for these services have been included in the BHRS FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget. The payment provisions of this agreement are essentially the same as the previous year.