



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 & Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with Peninsula Family Service for Senior Peer Counseling Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Peninsula Family Service for senior peer counseling services for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$300,385.

BACKGROUND:

Volunteer senior peer counseling services have been identified in the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health Report as a critical component of effective community mental health systems. They are also cited as a key service strategy in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requirements. These services are essential to promoting wellness/recovery for older adults and supporting them in achieving the highest possible quality of life. Senior peer counseling services are cost effective and have been found to reach and engage older adults who are experiencing mental health issues and are in need of supportive services.

In March 2015, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a provider for the continued operation and expansion of the Senior Peer Counseling Program. Peninsula Family Service (PFS) was the only agency that submitted a proposal and was selected through the RFP process to continue to provide these services. PFS has worked with the senior population of San Mateo County since 1984.

DISCUSSION:

PFS will provide non-clinical services through the Senior Peer Counseling Program. This program will provide bilingual/multi-cultural senior peer counseling services targeting the County's older adult population, including the Chinese and Filipino

population. PFS will also provide outreach and engagement services to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender older adult population, as well as to previously underserved geographical areas. PFS program staff will recruit, train, and supervise volunteers who will provide direct individual and group services to older adults.

This agreement is late due to delays in initiating the RFP process.

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 senior peer counseling services for older adults needing supportive services. 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 senior peer counseling is one established level of care. The services provided through this Agreement contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 65% of clients who receive senior peer counseling services will reflect the ethnic target populations.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percentage of clients who receive services will reflect ethnicity of target populations	65% 65 Clients	65% 65 Clients

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$300,385. Of this amount, it is anticipated that \$283,140 will be funded by Mental Health Services Act, \$2,973 will be funded by Medical Federal Financial Participation, and \$14,272 is 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 2015-16 Recommended Budget.

Request for Proposals – Matrix

1	Where was the RFP advertised?	Selection of a provider of senior peer counseling services for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
2	In addition to any advertisement, list others to whom the RFP announcement was sent:	San Francisco Examiner BHRS RFP website BHRS Contractors Association
3	State the total number of RFP's sent to prospective proposers:	75
4	How many proposals did you receive?	One
5	List in alphabetical order the names of the proposers (or finalists, if applicable) and the location:	Peninsula Family Services