



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 21, 2016
Board Meeting Date: April 12, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Greg Munks, Sheriff

Subject: Funding of Mental Health Pods at Maguire and Maple Street Correctional Facilities

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Master Salary Resolution No. 073949, adding two positions; and
- B. Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) recognizing Unanticipated Revenue of \$666,181 in Realignment Sales Tax and transferring Services and Supplies of \$499,229 from Correctional Health (6300B) to Correctional Health and the Sheriff's Office (3000B) for the purpose of funding two Mental Health pods

BACKGROUND:

In late 2015, Santa Clara County terminated its contract with San Mateo County pursuant to which San Mateo County Correctional Health was able to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment for inmates at Santa Clara County's facility. There are no other providers willing to contract with Correctional Health for this service.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends that two Mental Health Pods be developed within the Sheriff's Office facilities; one a 24 bed pod for men located at Maguire, and the other an 8 bed pod for women at the Maple Street Correctional Facility. Establishment of these Pods will require the addition of 14.5 (2 permanent, 12 limited term, and 0.5 "extra help" part-time) full-time equivalent positions to Correctional Health and 8.0 full-time equivalent positions to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has agreed to staff the pods with current staffing through the use of vacant positions until it can complete a review of correctional facility staffing requirements during FY 2016-17.

Having these Pods on-site will allow us to provide more concentrated care and monitoring of inmates with psychiatric impairments, improving patient outcomes and safety for all involved. Care will be focused on inmates with psychiatric needs who require more intensive treatment than can be provided in a general population pod. Focus will be to stabilize the inmates for safety purposes, as well as allow them to participate in the development of their treatment plans. Once stabilization has been achieved, ongoing care will focus on keeping the inmates stable so that they are able to engage positively in the treatment milieu.

This program is consistent with the philosophy of the new facility in that care is provided compassionately, with a focus on successfully reintegrating inmates back into the community. Stabilizing inmates' mental health will be key to their success.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing mental health services to those in Correctional Facilities. It is anticipated that 50% of mentally ill inmates will participate in the development of their treatment plans.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2015-16 Actual | FY 2016-17 Projected |
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| Percent of mentally ill inmates who will participate in the development of their treatment plans | n/a | 50% |
| Percent of mentally ill inmates that will accomplish 50% of their goals in the treatment plans | n/a | 40% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total cost for the Pods for the remainder of FY 15-16 is \$1,165,410. These costs will be funded by additional Health Realignment funds and other expenditure savings within the Health System. The ATR recognizes the unanticipated Health Realignment funds used and transfers the cost savings to Correctional Health and the Sheriff's Office to fund the program.

Costs for FY 16-17 are estimated at \$5,224,164 which will partially offset by savings from the elimination of the contract with Santa Clara County. The County Manager will be reviewing other options to mitigate the impacts to ongoing Net County Cost. The full funding package will be included in the FY 16-17 Recommended Budget presented to the Board of Supervisors in June.