



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** April 25, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 7, 2016  
**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 Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. for Substance Use Disorder Services, Managed Care Services, and Seeking Safety Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. for substance use disorder services, managed care services, and Seeking Safety services, for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$1,812,650.

**BACKGROUND:**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. (Pyramid) for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services for over 20 years. Provided to adult men and women, services include outpatient and intensive day treatment services to promote and support long-term recovery.

In April 2015, Pyramid responded to a Request for Proposals and was selected to provide Prevention and Early Intervention services for transition age youth that are delivered in a non-traditional behavioral health setting, using the "Seeking Safety" service model.

**DISCUSSION:**

Pyramid shall continue to provide an outpatient treatment program that includes individual counseling and recovery-oriented group counseling. The intensive day treatment consists of face-to-face individual sessions, weekly group sessions, process groups and education. Through the Mental Health Plan, Pyramid shall provide managed care services to Medi-Cal eligible individuals. Through the Seeking Safety service model, Pyramid shall provide a present-focused therapy for at-risk youth ages 18 to 25 to attain safety from trauma / Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse. The Seeking Safety curriculum shall be used when appropriate for

both substance abuse and dependence, as well as with people who have a trauma history but do not meet the criteria for PTSD.

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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing individuals and families in the County with treatment services to support recovery, which in turn contribute to the health and safety of communities throughout the County. Successful treatment discharge occurs when a program participant completes his/her treatment/recovery plan or when a participant is transferred to the next appropriate level of care. It is anticipated that 45% of clients will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimated	FY 2016-17 Projected
Percentage and number of program participants with a successful treatment discharge	40% 60 clients	45% 65 clients

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,812,650. Of this amount, AB 109 will fund \$278,877, the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$139,184, the Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant will fund \$200,016, Federal Financial Participation for Drug Medi-Cal will fund \$78,500, 2011 Realignment will fund \$357,168, Medicare will fund \$39,000, and CalWORKs will fund \$10,083. The remaining \$709,822 is Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget. The payment provisions and levels of service remain essentially the same as those of the prior agreement.