



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



**Date:** March 21, 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 & Recovery Services

**Subject:** Agreement with Samaritan House for Transitional Housing Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Samaritan House for transitional housing services, for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$272,985.

**BACKGROUND:**

Samaritan House provides a full range of transitional residential services, which include: comprehensive, personalized case management and counseling services; Redi-clinic care; meals; job search assistance; financial coaching and assistance; transportation assistance; permanent housing placement; and various community gatherings to encourage socializing and to build clients' self-esteem.

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) manages the placements in this and other residential service facilities within the total budgeted amount for mental health residential services.

**DISCUSSION:**

Samaritan House is a shelter that offers emergency and short term housing options for clients coping with co-occurring illnesses who are not in alcohol and drug recovery programs. Many of the County's shelter beds in this county require prospective residents to be sober. Samaritan House is the only known County shelter that provides under the influence of alcohol or drugs ("wet") housing, and has a drug and alcohol program onsite.

Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of residential services for mental health clients is exempt from the Requests for Proposals requirements.

The Resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendments of the County's fiscal obligation 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 residential services to mentally ill clients. It is anticipated that at least 35% of clients will be discharged to a stable (permanent or transitional) housing.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimated	FY 2016-17 Projected
Percentage of clients discharged to stable (permanent or transitional) housing	N/A*	35% 14 clients

\*New performance measure and no data is yet available.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$272,985 for the three-year term. Funds in the amount of \$90,995 will be included in the BHRS FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget. Of that, it is anticipated that \$88,348 will be funded by 1991 Realignment, with the remaining \$2,647 as Net County Cost. Similar arrangements will be made for future years. The payment provisions and level of services in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement.