



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: May 13, 2013
Board Meeting Date: June 4, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean D. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with Lena Osher, M.D.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Lena Osher, M.D. for the provision of psychiatry services for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$407,285.

BACKGROUND:

There has been a shortage of adult and child psychiatrists in California and in the nation for the past several years. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has found it difficult to fill child psychiatrist positions in San Mateo County due to the high cost of living. Under the Administrative Memorandum B-1, agreements with physicians are exempt from the requirement for a Request for Proposals process. BHRS runs advertisements for specialty psychiatric services on a regular basis in the Northern California Psychiatric Newsletter and other venues as needed. Dr. Osher was selected from candidates who responded to those advertisements in 2003 and has contracted with BHRS since that time.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Osher will provide psychiatry services for children and youth at Canyon Oaks Youth Center. The services shall include child and youth medication evaluation and treatment, psychotherapy, family consultation, and case consultation to staff.

BHRS requests your Board to authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The contractor meets insurance certification requirements.

The contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing psychiatry services. BHRS provides a range of services to children and youth clients of BHRS. The provision of psychiatry services is one established level of care. The services provided through this agreement contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 80% of clients who receive services shall maintained at current or lower level of care.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Estimate	FY 2013-14 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at current or lower level of care	n/a*	80%

* Data collection for this measure is under development, no results available in FY 2012-13.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The maximum obligation is \$407,285 for the two-year term. For FY 2013-14 the budgeted maximum is \$203,642. Of that amount, it is anticipated that \$94,184 will be funded by Federal Medi-Cal; \$15,273 will be funded by private insurance; \$75,348 will be funded by 2011 Realignment for Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT); and \$18,837 will be funded by 1991 Realignment. There is no 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 2013-14 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be in place for FY 2014-15.