



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



DATE: April 16, 2013
BOARD MEETING DATE: June 4, 2013
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with Rashmi Garg M.D.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Rashmi Garg, M.D. for the provision of psychiatry services for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$352,980.

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. Garg was selected from candidates who responded to those advertisements in 1998 and has contracted with BHRS since that time.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Garg will provide child psychiatry services at Central County Mental Health, Child Welfare, Receiving Home, Therapeutic Day Schools, and Tower House. The services shall include child and youth psychiatric evaluation and treatment, psychotherapy, family therapy and consultation, and case consultation to staff..

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) request 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 at least eighty percent (80%) of clients served will maintain their current or reduced level of placement.

Performance Measure:

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. Data will be available in FY 2013-14.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The agreement maximum is \$352,980 for the two-year term. For FY 2013-14 the budgeted maximum is \$176,490. Of that amount, Medi-Cal will fund \$63,007; 1991 Realignment will fund \$58,135; and 2011 Realignment for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) will fund \$50,406. The Net County Cost is \$4,942. 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 made for FY 2014-15.