



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: October 8, 2014
Board Meeting Date: January 6, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Sara T. L. Mayer, Director, Public Health, Policy and Planning
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

Subject: Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare Corporation – Cordilleras
Mental Health Center and Garfield Neurobehavioral Center

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Telecare Corporation for psychiatric treatment services and payment to reserve one bed for the detainment of persistently non-adherent tuberculosis patients, increasing the amount by \$91,825 to an amount not to exceed \$22,854,453.

BACKGROUND:

On September 11, 2012 your Board approved an agreement with Telecare Corporation to provide psychiatric treatment services, direct observation therapy services for non-adherent tuberculosis patients, and long term care for clients of Aging and Adult Service's (AAS) Public Guardian for a maximum amount of \$22,435,758 for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

On July 23, 2013, the Director of Public Health, Policy and Planning (PHPP), as the Health System Chief's designee, approved a first amendment to the agreement increasing the maximum obligation by \$6,200 to a new maximum obligation of \$22,441,958.

On June 24, 2014 the Chief of the Health System approved a second amendment to the agreement to provide a cost of living increase, increasing the maximum obligation by \$320,670 to a new maximum obligation of \$22,762,628.

DISCUSSION:

Every California county has a Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program that offers TB case management and directly-observed therapy (DOT). TB cases are monitored by staff to

ensure treatment and medication compliance. Per California Code of Regulations Title 17 Section 2624, a county Health Officer can order non-compliant TB patients admitted to a custodial facility, to ensure that the patient receives appropriate TB treatment and to prevent further spread of TB in the community.

Telecare Corporation operates Cordilleras Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, the Regional Civil Detention Site for non-adherent TB patients with mental health diagnoses in Northern California. There are only two sites available in the State for this purpose. Due to our existing relationship with and the location of Telecare in our County, the State has asked that we contract with Telecare for this service. One bed is reserved for use by local health jurisdictions in the region that need to detain persistently non-adherent TB patients. San Mateo County is responsible for making payments to Telecare for the reservation of this bed. Each sending jurisdiction is responsible for case management of their TB patients and additional payment beyond the one bed provided by the State.

PHPP is requesting your Board's approval of this revised agreement because of an error in the dollar value of the services originally provided under this contract. Specifically, PHPP originally signed a contract for \$91,980 in services for FY14-15. The correct amount, as per the State grant agreement, is \$93,805, an increase of \$1,825 above the original FY14-15 amount.

Telecare's Garfield Neurobehavioral Center (GNC) provides additional bed-capacity for conserved clients of AAS' Public Guardian program. The clients placed at the GNC receive treatment for severe behavioral issues associated with brain damage. Because of a greater than expected need for this service, AAS is requesting that this contract be increased by \$90,000 to allow additional clients to receive the treatment needed.

The amendment and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing locked facility long-term care and residential psychiatric treatment services. It is anticipated that 68% of clients who receive services will be maintained at a current or lower level of care.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Clients maintained at current or lower level of care	68%	70%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the amended agreement is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The amount is being increased by \$91,825 to a new amount not to exceed \$22,854,453. Of the increase, \$90,000 is for AAS, and \$1,825 is for PHPP.

Of the increase for AAS, \$90,000 is funded by Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included in the AAS FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget.

The increase for PHPP is \$1,825. The amended amount is included in the PHPP FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with the amended amount.