



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 1, 2015
Board Meeting Date: August 4, 2015
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 Rashmi Garg M.D. for Psychiatry Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Rashmi Garg, M.D. for psychiatry services for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, 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 has found it difficult to fill child psychiatrist positions in San Mateo County. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services 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 Behavioral Health and Recovery Services since that time.

Under the Administrative Memorandum B-1, agreements with physicians are exempt from the requirement for a Request for Proposals process.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Garg will provide child psychiatry services at Central at the following locations: 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.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendments 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.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing psychiatry services. It is anticipated that at least 80% of clients served will maintain their current or reduced level of placement.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at current or lower level of care	90.5%* 38 clients	80%

Actual percentage of clients maintained at current lower level of care was higher than original target of 80%.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The agreement maximum is \$352,980 for the two-year term. For FY 2015-16 the budgeted maximum is \$176,490. Of that amount, Medi-Cal will fund \$88,245; 1991 Realignment will fund \$17,649; and 2011 Realignment for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) will fund \$70,596. The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement. Funds in the amount of \$176,490 are included in the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget and funds in the amount of \$176,490 will be included in the BHRS FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget.