

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 Tamar Meidav, M.D. for Psychiatry Services

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Resolution authorizing an agreement with Tamar Meidav, M.D. for psychiatry services for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$203,642.

## 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 especially 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. Meidav was selected from candidates who responded to those advertisements in 2003 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. Meidav will provide psychiatry services for children and youth at various County mental health clinics for a two-year term. The services shall include child and youth medication evaluation and treatment, psychotherapy and family consultation, residency training, 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 80% of clients who receive contractor's services shall maintain their current or lower level of placement.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure   | FY 2014-15 Actual | FY 2015-16 Projected |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Percentage of clients who will                        | 78%               | 80%                  |
| maintain their current or lower level of<br>placement | 18 clients        |                      |

# FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The maximum obligation is \$203,642 for the two-year term. For FY 2015-16 the budgeted maximum is \$101,821. Of that amount, Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation revenue will fund \$46,330; 2011 Realignment for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) will cover \$37,064; and sales tax through 1991 Realignment will fund \$18,427. 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 in the amount of \$101,821 are included in the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget and funds in the amount of \$101,821 will be included in BHRS FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget.