



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** November 18, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** January 7, 2014  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
**Subject:** Appropriation Transfer Request

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Resolution authorizing an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$260,612 from unanticipated revenues and expenses from Measure A and from Family Health Services to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

**BACKGROUND:**

Based upon Bureau of Justice statistics, it is estimated that more than ten percent of individuals who are booked into the County Jail are veterans. Other studies have shown that the greatest predictive factor for the incarceration of veterans is substance abuse. In 2004 61% of incarcerated veterans met clinical criteria for substance dependence or abuse. In 2013 San Mateo County data from a random sample of in-custody veterans revealed that 56% were booked for substance abuse-related crimes.

In May of 2012, the County Drug Court and Mental Health Court worked together to launch a pilot Veteran's Treatment Court. Currently nine individuals are enrolled and eight are receiving treatment services from the Veterans Administration (VA) in Palo Alto Care System. It is estimated that as many as 550 incarcerated veterans could benefit from these treatment services.

**DISCUSSION:**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has been awarded a three-year federal grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to implement an Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program. This funding will expand the pilot Veterans Treatment Court to provide services to up to 25 clients annually. Evidence-based treatment services will continue to be provided by the Veterans Administration in Palo Alto.. BHRS will work in conjunction with the Drug Court, Probation, the District Attorney's Office, the Private Defender Program and the VA to identify and refer clients, and to

coordinate the provision of services. The grant term is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016, and will provide total funding \$349,900.

The grant will fund one unclassified term limited Mental Health Counselor II and a part-time contracted data analyst.

In addition, funds to pay for two Measure A-funded Psychiatric Social Worker positions (2.0 FTE) are being transferred from Family Health to BHRS. These two positions were approved for Family Health for the Pre-to-Three program, but it has been determined that it would be better for these mental health services for Pre-to-Three clients to be overseen by BHRS. There is no funding increase. The Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) includes moving the funding for these positions and the operating and contract expenses from Family Health to BHRS.

The ATR has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

Approval of the ATR contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing Veteran's Treatment Court services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total amount of the three-year DOJ Veteran's Treatment Court Program grant is \$349,900. Of that amount, \$101,213 is for FY 2013-14. Revenues and expenditures in the BHRS FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget will increase by a total of \$260,612. Of that, \$101,213 will be for the Veteran's Treatment Court Program, and \$159,399 will be transferred from Family Health, which includes \$119,549 of Measure A funds and \$39,850 of Medi-Cal revenue. The Family Health Services FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget will be reduced by \$159,399. There is no Net County Cost associated with this ATR.