



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



**Date:** February 19, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 18, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Susan Kole, Director, Correctional Health Services

**Subject:** Agreement with Santa Clara County

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution waiving the Request for Proposals process and authorizing an agreement with Santa Clara County for acute inpatient mental health treatment for inmate-patients for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$2,288,550.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1997 the Health System has contracted with Santa Clara County to provide beds for San Mateo County inmates requiring acute inpatient mental health treatment. On June 28, 2011, by Resolution 071497 your Board approved an agreement which provided one guaranteed bed at the Santa Clara County Main Jail for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

**DISCUSSION:**

Correctional Health Services (CHS) provides mental health coverage for suicide screening, outpatient treatment and behavior management in San Mateo County facilities. However, some of the most seriously mentally ill inmates require more intensive and involuntary inpatient treatment. Santa Clara County provides beds in its main jail for inmates requiring acute inpatient mental health treatment. This is the only correctional inpatient psychiatric unit in the Bay Area. The agreement also provides that San Mateo County will reimburse Santa Clara for 60% of costs for acute medical services incurred at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and 100% of medical costs provided by any other medical facility.

The agreement for FY 13-14 and 14-15 includes two guaranteed beds. Two guaranteed beds are necessary because there has been an increase in the need for acute mental health treatment due to criminal justice realignment across the Bay Area. This has

resulted in beds being unavailable when needed, causing delays in treatment for clients. Title 15 and the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) require the County to provide acute care for acute mental health conditions on a timely basis. The agreement gives San Mateo County the ability to manage bed days within a monthly period. For example, should San Mateo County send four inmates to the inpatient facility from July 1st-15th and no inmates from July 16th-31st, San Mateo County would only be charged for the use of two beds at no additional cost. Should the number of bed days used in a given month exceed 60 days San Mateo County would pay an additional \$1,500 per bed day.

CHS requests a waiver of the Request for Proposals requirement as Santa Clara County is the only provider of this service in the Bay Area. Santa Clara County has been providing this service to San Mateo County's seriously mentally ill inmates since 1997.

CHS also requests that your Board 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 by County Counsel as to form. As required by the contractor, the agreement is the Santa Clara County standard form agreement and therefore contains hold harmless and non-discrimination language different than that of San Mateo County. The contractor provides equal benefits and complies with the Employee Jury Service Ordinance, though the contract does not include the standard language. The contractor meets insurance certification requirements. In order to expedite the execution of the agreement, Santa Clara will sign the agreement after San Mateo County.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by ensuring that critical inpatient mental health care is provided to seriously mentally ill inmates of the San Mateo County jails.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2012-13 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2013-14 Projected</b>
Number and percent of mentally ill inmates engaging in treatment by receiving medications	2,543/41%	2,500/40%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. The agreement maximum is \$2,288,550. Of this amount, \$1,158,580 is Net County Cost, \$665,553 is Fund Balance previously authorized for an Electronic Medical Record, and \$464,417 is Realignment funding. The cost of two guaranteed beds at a rate of \$1,425 per bed per day is \$2,080,500 for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The agreement

maximum also includes \$208,050 for medical expense reimbursement, which is paid based on actual use. The payment provisions of the contract are different from the prior contract due to the increase from one guaranteed bed to two beds; however the cost per bed day is the same. Costs associated with the agreement will be included in the CHS FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 Recommended Budgets.