



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: May 16, 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
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

Subject: Amendment to the agreement with Free at Last

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution waiving the Request for Proposals process and authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Free at Last for the provision of alcohol and other drug treatment services and criminal justice realignment services, extending the term through December 31, 2013, and increasing the amount by \$742,275 to an amount not to exceed \$4,277,614.

BACKGROUND:

On September 27, 2011, your Board approved an agreement with Free at Last for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, to provide alcohol and drug treatment and recovery services for San Mateo County residents. These services are essential to supporting individuals in long term recovery as they progress through all phases of wellness/recovery, including periods of relapse. On February 14, 2012, your Board approved a first amendment to the agreement decreasing the maximum obligation by \$48,045 to a new maximum of \$1,661,786. On May 22, 2012, your Board approved a second amendment to the agreement adding Criminal Justice Realignment services, providing supervision to formerly incarcerated adults, and increasing the maximum obligation by \$288,045 to a new maximum of \$1,949,831. On June 26, 2012, your Board approved a third amendment to the agreement increasing the maximum obligation by \$1,585,508 to \$3,535,339 and extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2013. On August 1, 2012, the Chief of the Health System approved a fourth amendment adding substance abuse confidentiality language, with no change to the term of the agreement or the contract maximum.

DISCUSSION:

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is analyzing how behavioral health services can best be delivered in the County to meet the demands of health care reform

as well as guidelines published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) in 2011 for behavioral health systems.

Currently, BHRS is in the development phase of how to meet the new guidelines which focus on integrating primary care and behavioral health care, system and service coordination, health promotion, prevention, screening and early intervention, treatment, resilience and recovery support, promoting social integration, employment, housing and educational services, and supporting optimal health and productivity. A full range of high quality services is necessary to meet the range of age, gender, cultural and other needs of County residents, and to promote healthy behavior and lifestyles, a primary driver of health outcomes. BHRS is actively working to clarify the roles and responsibilities associated with the change in structure, financing and operation of the redesign.

Therefore, BHRS believes that it is in the best interest of the County to continue collaborating with existing providers in the delivery of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) treatment services in San Mateo County while working out the details of the redesign. BHRS recommends a waiver of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for Free at Last providing alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery services for an additional six months, by extending the term of the agreement through December 31, 2013, and increasing the contract maximum by \$742,275. BHRS is in the process of preparing an RFP for AOD treatment services beginning January 1, 2014. There are 16 AOD Prevention and/or Treatment contracts that will be amended and submitted separately for your Board's consideration.

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

The contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing individuals and families in San Mateo County with prevention and treatment services to support recovery, which in turn contributes to the health and safety of communities throughout San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 65% of participants will successfully complete all steps of the alcohol and drug treatment program while maintaining sobriety.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Estimate	FY 2013-14 Projected
Percentage of clients who successfully complete all steps of the alcohol and drug treatment program while maintaining sobriety.	65% *	65%

* This percentage is an aggregate. Individual data results will be available in FY 2013-14.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the amended agreement is July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. The agreement maximum is being increased by \$742,275 to a new maximum of \$4,277,614. Funding is provided through the following sources:

Services and Funding Sources	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Reentry Grant- Achieve 180*	73,200	87,600	43,800
Cal EMA Grant	414,440	207,220	
Drug Court Partnership (DCP) – State Drug Court *	70,762		
Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) *	233,906		
Realignment Funding: Drug Court		304,668	152,334
Ryan White Care Act*	83,070	53,500	26,750
BASN allocation	12,154	50,328	25,164
AB 109 – Criminal Justice Funding*	144,000	167,333	83,667
MCE –FFP	202,464	211,544	105,772
Mental Health Services Act	31,404	31,404	15,702
Negotiated Net Agreement (NNA)	177,830	177,830	88,915
Net County Cost	400,341	400,341	200,171
Total Funding	1,843,571	1,691,768	742,275

* Aggregate funding sources

The amounts are included in the BHRS FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget and \$742,275 will be included in the BHRS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. The Net County Cost for FY 2013-14 is \$200,171. Through the increase, payment provisions will remain the same and allow the provider to serve the existing number of clients without interruption of services.