



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



**Date:** May 27, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 1, 2014  
**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:** Agreement with Peninsula Family Service

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Peninsula Family Service for senior peer counseling services for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$291,636.

**BACKGROUND:**

Volunteer senior peer counseling services have been identified in President Obama's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report as a critical component of effective community mental health systems. Such services are also cited as a key service strategy in the Mental Health Services Act requirements. These services are essential to promoting wellness/recovery for older adults and supporting them in achieving the highest possible quality of life. Senior peer counseling services are cost effective and have been found to reach and engage older adults who are experiencing mental health issues and in need of supportive services.

In February 2012, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a provider for the continued operation and expansion of its Senior Peer Counseling Program. BHRS selected the current provider, Peninsula Family Service (PFS), through the RFP process. PFS has worked with the senior population of San Mateo County since 1984.

**DISCUSSION:**

PFS will provide non-clinical services through the Senior Peer Counseling Program. This program will provide bilingual/multi-cultural senior peer counseling services targeting the County's older adult population, including the Chinese and Filipino population. PFS will also provide outreach and engagement services to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender population, as well as to residents of East Palo Alto. PFS

program staff will recruit, train, and supervise volunteers who will provide direct individual and group services to older adults.

BHRS requests your Board to 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 of services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The contractor meets insurance certification requirements.

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.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing senior peer counseling services for older adults needing supportive services. BHRS provides a range of services to promote wellness and recovery and to support consumers remaining in the lowest possible level of care. The provision of senior peer counseling is one established level of care. It is anticipated that 90% of senior peer counseling services clients will rate such services as good or better.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2013-14 Estimated</b>	<b>FY 2014-15 Projected</b>
Percentage of senior peer counseling services clients rating services as good or better	90%	90%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$291,636, to be funded by the Mental Health Services Act (\$283,140), Medical Federal Financial Participation (\$2,973), and the County (Net County Cost: \$5,523). The payment provisions and levels of service in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement. Funds for these services will be included in the BHRS FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget.