



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: September 8, 2014
Board Meeting Date: November 18, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

Subject: Amendment to agreement with Samaritan House

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Samaritan House to provide case management services to San Mateo County's homeless population, extending the term through December 31, 2015, and increasing the amount by \$55,000 to an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2013, San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) conducted a Request for Proposals for the Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) Program. Out of the nine proposals received and evaluated, Samaritan House was the only vendor to submit a proposal for the supportive management of medical and health care of the shelter homeless in North County. Samaritan House was ultimately selected to receive HCH/FH funding to provide case management, outreach, patient and community education, transportation, eligibility assistance, translation services, and referral services to improve client access to SMMC primary medical services.

On February 11, 2014, the Chief Executive Officer of SMMC approved an agreement with Samaritan House to provide case management services to San Mateo County's homeless population for the term of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

DISCUSSION:

SMMC was awarded an HCH/FH grant from the Bureau of Primary Health Care of the US Department of Health and Human Services. The HCH/FH grant will fund SMMC's ongoing HCH/FH Program, which provides primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care to San Mateo County's homeless population. SMMC's HCH/FH Program is

designed to assist homeless adults, families, and youth with access to and utilization of SMMC's continuum of care and other support services. The HCH/FH Program contracts with both County departments and community-based organizations like Samaritan House to provide this care.

Upon consideration of the quality and volume of services provided, and benefit to the homeless population in the northern portion of San Mateo County, the HCH/FH Program's Co-Applicant Board has decided to extend Samaritan House's original one-year agreement for an additional year of service.

The Resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The amendment 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 access to case management services to homeless individuals residing at Safe Harbor Shelter. It is anticipated that a minimum of 175 homeless individuals will have appointments scheduled to access primary health care through SMMC and community partners.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of homeless individuals that will have appointments scheduled to access primary health care through SMMC and community partners	175	175

*New Measure

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the revised agreement is January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$110,000, with \$27,500 included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget and \$27,500 in the SMMC FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget. All funds for the agreement are provided by the HCH/FH grant; there is no Net County Cost.

Expenses at SMMC are covered by fees for services or third-party payors whenever possible. The portion of expenses for services provided to the medically indigent or to those covered by programs that do not meet the full costs of care are covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.