



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: August 26, 2015
Board Meeting Date: October 20, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with Our Common Ground, Inc, for alcohol and other drug outpatient and residential treatment services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Our Common Ground, Inc. for alcohol and other drug outpatient and residential treatment services for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$2,793,752.

BACKGROUND:

Our Common Ground, Inc. (OCG) has provided alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery services to San Mateo County adults with substance abuse and addiction problems for over 20 years. OCG's treatment approach is a strength-based Modified Therapeutic Community Model, which values relationships and views the clients in light of their competencies rather than their deficiencies. Success is based upon individual progress in treatment, while concentrating on academic and vocational pursuits.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) contracts with OCG to provide outpatient and residential treatment services. Under the Administrative Memorandum B-1, agreements providing residential housing services and related supports are exempt from the Request for Proposals process. OCG is one of six residential treatment providers in the County.

DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement, OCG will continue to provide outpatient and residential treatment services to adult residents of the County. These services include individual therapy, individual counseling, group therapy, anger management, family therapy and room and board.

BHRS agreements related to alcohol and other drug services are late because negotiations between the California Department of Health Care Services and the federal government regarding the Drug Medi-Cal waiver were not finalized until August 13, 2015. This Medi-Cal waiver will allow providers such as OCG to bill for many more services than they were previously able.

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

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. This agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

The agreement 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. Successful treatment discharge occurs when a program participant completes his/her treatment/recovery plan or when a participant is transferred to the next appropriate level of care. Research shows the longer participants are retained in the appropriate level of treatment; the more likely they are to achieve long term recovery. A participant's willingness to continue in treatment is a key element to successful stabilization and progress towards sustained recovery. It is anticipated that 65% of clients will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percentage of program participants with a successful treatment discharge	64% 90 clients	65% 95 clients

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$2,793,752. Of this amount, it is anticipated that 2011 Realignment for Drug Medi-Cal and Drug Court will fund an aggregate of \$601,545, the Department of Health Care Services as a State Net Negotiated Allocation will fund \$273,553, Federal Financial Participation for Drug Medi-Cal will fund \$772,675, and the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$17,355. The remaining \$1,128,624 is net county cost, which includes aggregate funding for Unified Reentry Services. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. The payment provisions and levels of service in this agreement remain essentially the same as those of the prior agreement.