



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



**Date:** June 3, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 7, 2015  
**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 for Acute Inpatient Mental Health Treatment

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Santa Clara County for two beds at the Santa Clara County Main Jail for San Mateo County inmate-patients for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$5,975,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1997, the Health System has contracted with Santa Clara County (Santa Clara) to provide beds for San Mateo County (County) inmates requiring acute inpatient mental health treatment. On June 18, 2013, your Board approved an agreement which provided two guaranteed beds for suicide screening, outpatient treatment and behavior management at the Santa Clara Main Jail facility through June 30, 2015.

**DISCUSSION:**

Santa Clara has the only correctional inpatient psychiatric unit in the Bay Area. This agreement will assure that the County will continue to have two dedicated beds available at all times. Additionally, the 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, as well as associated transportation and legal fees.

Correctional Health Services (CHS) is requesting a waiver of the Request for Proposals requirement as Santa Clara County is the only provider of this service in the Bay Area.

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 agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The County's Contract Compliance Committee has approved a waiver request for a 5 year term agreement.

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. It is anticipated that the number of inpatient psychiatric bed days used will be approximately 730 days in FY 2015-16.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2014-15 Estimated</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Projected</b>
Number of inpatient psychiatric bed days used.	704	730

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$5,975,000 for the five-year term. The cost of two guaranteed beds at a rate of \$1,500 per bed per day is \$5,475,000 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. The agreement also includes up to \$100,000 per year or \$500,000 over the term of the contract for medical and legal expense reimbursement, which is paid based on actual use. Costs associated with the agreement have been included in the CHS FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget and are funded as a net county cost.

The payment provisions of the contract differ from the prior contract because the bed rate has increased from \$1,425/day to \$1,500/day.