



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 30, 2015
Board Meeting Date: September 22, 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 BAART Behavioral Health Services, Inc. for narcotic replacement therapy services and criminal justice realignment services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with BAART Behavioral Health Services, Inc. for narcotic replacement therapy services and criminal justice realignment services, for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$1,406,791.

BACKGROUND:

BAART Behavioral Health Services, Inc. (BAART) serves clients that are not eligible for Drug Medi-Cal or other health care insurance, but continue to require Narcotic Replacement Therapy (NRT) services. This contract allows BAART to provide uninterrupted services to medically indigent adults in custody and in the community.

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) just recently received approval of a federal Medi-Cal waiver for substance use services. It is expected that the Medi-Cal waiver will alter the delivery of substance use services including those provided by this contractor. Therefore Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is requesting that the Board waive the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Narcotic Replacement Therapy (NRT) services for two years, allowing time to determine how the waiver will affect this and other BHRS Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AOD) contracts. BHRS will release the NRT RFP in FY 2016-17 for services to start on July 1, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

Under this agreement, the contractor will operate and manage narcotic replacement therapy services for San Mateo County adult clients with complex needs, who are not eligible for Drug Medi-Cal or other health care insurance. These services include daily

methadone dosing, appropriate medical assisted therapy services, urine screening, addiction education and intervention, aftercare planning, patient follow-up, and follow-up with referring partners. Methadone treatment is a very unique medication service that is provided to opiate-dependent patients.

This contract is late because BHRS, as a part of its due diligence for this agreement, needed to review the contractor's FY 14-15 units of service and costs, prior to finalizing this new contract for FY 15-16.

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 with prevention and treatment services to support recovery, which in turn contributes to the health and safety of communities in San Mateo County. Success for services under this agreement is measured by sustained abstinence over a one year period and is verified by a rigorous regime of testing for alcohol, methadone, methadone metabolites, heroin, opium, other opioids, cocaine, amphetamine, methamphetamine and other substances. Each patient is randomly tested monthly. It is anticipated that 100% of clients receiving methadone services will receive treatment within 24-hours.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percent of clients requesting methadone services who receive treatment within 24 hours	N/A *	100% 195 clients

* This is a new performance measure. Data will begin to be available in FY 2015-16.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,406,791, and is included in the BHRS FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. It is anticipated that Unified Reentry will fund \$625,361, Realignment and Drug Court will fund \$322,668, and Criminal Justice Realignment will fund \$278,877. Net county cost will be \$179,885. The maximum amount of this agreement is approximately 9% more than that of the prior agreement due to the removal of CalWORKS and Drug Court, and the addition of Unified Reentry, Realignment and Drug Court, and Criminal Justice Realignment activities.