



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



**Date:** August 17, 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 Fred Finch Youth Center

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution waiving the Request for Proposals process and executing an agreement with Fred Finch Youth Center for the provision of mental health services for children and youth, for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$1,847,770.

**BACKGROUND:**

Fred Finch Youth Center (Fred Finch), a not-for-profit organization, was founded in 1891 as an orphanage and has since changed its focus in response to the changing needs of the community. Headquartered in Oakland, Fred Finch offers mental health and social services to children, young adults, and their families throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with this agency since 1999. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum the selection of providers of mental health services for clients placed in out-of-county facilities by other agencies is exempt from the Request for Proposals (RFP) process requirement.

In 2009, BHRS issued an RFP for Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) and In-Home Program Services, which is not exempt under the B-1 memo. Fred Finch was the only respondent to the RFP, and was subsequently selected to provide these services. In 2014, BHRS requested and was granted a waiver to the RFP for two years in order to maintain continuity of these services while funding was being re-examined.

**DISCUSSION:**

Fred Finch will provide TBS to San Mateo County youth who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries. TBS are short-term behavioral intervention services for severely emotionally disturbed youth experiencing stressful transitions or life crises, and who are at risk of placement in an institution or intensive residential program. This contractor will also provide Full

Service Partnership (FSP) services. FSP services are strength-based wraparound and crisis response services tailored to meet the specific mental health, educational, social and cultural needs of youth placed in foster care outside of San Mateo County, as well as their foster parents/caregivers. Outpatient mental health services will also be provided. Furthermore, In-home Program Services will be provided to youth recently released from Juvenile Hall, at risk for group home placement, and in need of additional support to stabilize and to transition into the community. Lastly, Fred Finch will provide Co-chair services for the Filipino Mental Health Initiative.

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 provisions allowing amendments 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.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing mental health services to children and families. It is anticipated that 75% of clients who receive services will be maintained at current or lower level of care.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimated	FY 2016-17 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at current or lower level of care.	75% 50 Clients	75% 50 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 \$1,847,770. Of this amount, Federal Medi-Cal will fund \$654,402; Realignment including match for Medi-Cal services for children and youth will fund \$523,522; SB 163 (Wraparound Services for Children, Youth, and Families) will fund \$169,880; the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$230,271; private insurance will fund \$3,988; and net county cost for In-Home Program Services and the Cost of Living Adjustment will fund \$265,707. The payment provisions and level of services in this agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget.