



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



**Date:** October 7, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** December 8, 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 El Centro de Libertad for substance use disorder outpatient treatment services and Seeking Safety services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with El Centro de Libertad for substance use disorder outpatient treatment services and Seeking Safety services, for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$1,813,469.

**BACKGROUND:**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with El Centro de Libertad (El Centro) for over 20 years for alcohol and other drug (AOD) outpatient treatment and recovery services to San Mateo County residents. These services are focused on a ninety day outpatient treatment program that includes family group therapy, alcohol and drug testing, relapse prevention, adolescent treatment, and anger management.

In April 2015, BHRS released a Request for Proposals for Prevention and Early Intervention services for transition age youth that are delivered in a non-traditional behavioral health setting, using the "Seeking Safety" service model. El Centro responded with a proposal that was selected for the provision of these services.

**DISCUSSION:**

El Centro shall continue to provide outpatient group and individual treatment to adolescent and adult residents of the County. Through the Seeking Safety service model, El Centro shall continue to provide a present-focused therapy, helping people attain safety from trauma/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse. The Seeking Safety curriculum shall be used when appropriate for both substance abuse and dependence, as well as with people who have a trauma history but do not meet the criteria for PTSD.

BHRS agreements related to AOD 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. The implementation of this waiver is planned for summer of 2016. This Medi-Cal waiver will allow providers such as El Centro 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 with prevention and treatment services to support recovery, which in turn contributes to the health and safety of communities throughout the 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. It is anticipated that 77% of clients will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

| Measure  | FY 2014-15 Actual  | FY 2015-16 Projected |
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| Program participants with a successful treatment discharge | 77%<br>255 clients | 77%<br>255 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 \$1,813,469. Of this amount, the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$60,876, Federal Financial Participation for Drug Med-Cal \$20,000, Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant will fund \$67,735, CalWORKs will fund \$30,000, 2011 Realignment will fund \$322,668, and AB109 will fund \$278,877. The remaining \$1,033,313 is net county cost.

Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. The payment provisions and levels of service remain essentially the same as those of the prior agreement.

## **Request for Proposals – Matrix**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Where was the RFP advertised?</b>   | <b>San Francisco Examiner<br/>BHRS RFP website</b>  |
| <b>2</b> | <b>In addition to any advertisement, list others to whom the RFP announcement was sent:</b>                  | <b>BHRS Contractors Association</b>   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>State the total number of RFP's sent to prospective proposers:</b>  | <b>N/A – The RFP was published on the BHRS website</b>  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>How many proposals did you receive?</b>   | <b>Five</b>   |
| <b>5</b> | <b>List in alphabetical order the names of the proposers (or finalists, if applicable) and the location:</b> | <b>El Centro de Libertad<br/>Piece It Together<br/>Puente de la Costa Sur<br/>Pyramid Alternatives, Inc.<br/>Unity Care Group</b> |