



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: October 30, 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 Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. for substance use disorder services, managed care services, and Seeking Safety services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. for substance use disorder services, managed care services, and Seeking Safety services for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$1,917,591.

BACKGROUND:

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. (Pyramid) for alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment and recovery services for over 20 years. Provided to adult men and women, Pyramid's services include outpatient and intensive day treatment services to promote and support long-term recovery.

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

DISCUSSION:

Pyramid shall continue to provide an outpatient treatment program that includes individual counseling and recovery-oriented group counseling. The intensive day treatment consists of face-to-face individual sessions, weekly group sessions, process groups and education. Through the Mental Health Plan, Pyramid shall provide managed care services to Medi-Cal eligible individuals. Through the Seeking Safety service model, Pyramid shall provide a present-focused therapy, for at-risk youth ages 18 to 25 to 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 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 the County with 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 65% of clients will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percentage and number of program participants with a successful treatment discharge	62% 60 clients	65% 63 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 \$1,917,591. Of this amount, AB 109 will fund \$278,877, the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$137,184, the Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant will fund \$200,016, Federal Financial Participation for Drug Medi-Cal will fund \$78,500, 2011 Realignment will fund \$375,168, CalWORKs will fund \$10,083, and Medicare will fund \$39,000. The remaining \$798,763 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 have increased by \$100,000 due to the addition of Seeking Safety services.

Request for Proposals – Matrix

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