



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



**Date:** October 19, 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:** Amendment to the Agreement with Everst Barillas dba Blanca's Place for board and care services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Everst Barillas dba Blanca's Place for board and care services, increasing the amount by \$30,036 to an amount not to exceed \$124,554.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 10, 2013, the Chief of the Health System approved an agreement with Everst Barillas dba Blanca's Place, for the provision of residential board and care for mentally ill clients, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, for a total obligation of \$91,275.

On June 30, 2014, the Chief of the Health System approved a first amendment to the agreement, adding a cost of living adjustment increasing the maximum obligation by \$2,299 to an amount not to exceed \$93,574, with no change to the term of the agreement.

On September 9, 2015, through an Executive Letter, the agreement was amended for the second time adding a second cost of living adjustment increasing the maximum obligation by \$944 to a new maximum of \$94,518, with no change to the term of the agreement.

**DISCUSSION:**

This contractor operates a 6-bed board and care facility for difficult to place clients, and provides augmented services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a higher level of supervision and services. The services include more intensive mental health services, social skills training, and assistance with daily living activities.

The contractor is facing rising costs on multiple fronts. Upcoming changes in the labor laws will increase the minimum wage and require mandatory payment of sick leave. Other operating expenses such as utilities, insurance, and licensing costs are also increasing. These increased costs make it difficult to stay in business and place the operators of these types of facilities in danger of closing. To prevent closures and loss of already scarce beds, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) proposes to increase the daily bed rate through this amendment.

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

The amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing residential board and care services to mentally ill clients. BHRS provides a range of services to promote wellness and recovery and to support consumers so that they will remain in the lowest possible level of care. The provision of residential board and care services is one established level of care. It is anticipated that 100% of board and care clients will be retained in this level of care.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2014-15 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Estimated</b>
Percent of board and care clients retained in this level of care	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$124,554. Funds in the amount of \$62,383 are included in the BHRS FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. Of that amount, it is anticipated that \$56,145 will be funded by sales tax through realignment, and \$6,238 is Net County Cost.