



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 16-303

Board Meeting Date: 6/27/2017

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**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:** Department of Health Care Services Driving Under the Influence Program License Application

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution approving the submission of an application with the Department of Health Care Services, Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division, Driving-Under-the-Influence Unit for licensure as a Driving-Under-the-Influence program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division, Driving-Under-the-Influence (DUI) Unit, licenses and performs compliance monitoring on all DUI programs in California. The objectives of the DUI program are (1) to reduce the number of repeat DUI offenses by persons who complete a state-licensed DUI program; and (2) to provide participants an opportunity to address problems related to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs.

**DISCUSSION:**

StarVista and Pyramid Alternatives are licensed by DHCS for the operation of DUI programs in San Mateo County (namely StarVista's First Offender Program, and Pyramid Alternative's First Offender Program and Multiple Offender Program). Pyramid Alternatives recently announced the decision to merge with and become a division of StarVista. Per California Code of Regulations Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 3, Programs for Alcohol and Drug Impaired Drivers, a new application for the operation of a DUI program must be submitted whenever there is a sale or transfer of ownership from one legal entity to another. As part of the application process, the state requires that your Board review and approve the application, verifying the need for DUI program services.

The approval of the DUI program application will allow Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to continue to provide services to 652 clients under the First Offender and Multiple Offender Programs that StarVista and Pyramid Alternatives are currently operating.

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

Approval of this application 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 San Mateo County. DUI programs have been an effective form of treatment and intervention to reduce alcohol-related driving and crashes. Successful completion of the program occurs when a program participant has completed all DUI program requirements in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title IX, Division 4, Section 9851. These services are court mandated and often accompany license revocation. It is anticipated that 89% of clients who receive services will successfully complete the program.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Measure	FY 2016-17 Estimated	FY 2017-18 Projected
Program participants who successfully complete the program	89% or 580 clients completing program	89% or 580 clients completing program

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this application.