



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 19-462

Board Meeting Date: 6/4/2019

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health  
Scott Gilman, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

**Subject:** Agreement with Service League of San Mateo County for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Service League of San Mateo County for substance use disorder treatment services, for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$1,679,804.

**BACKGROUND:**

For over 15 years, Hope House, a program of Service League of San Mateo County (Service League), has provided an intensive residential treatment program for women who have a substance use disorder (SUD). Services include safe and supportive transitional housing, coupled with case management. Transitional housing residents must be employed and/or attend school, along with continued recovery-based involvement within the community.

In April 2016, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Federal Government approved the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) waiver for substance use disorder treatment services. In March 2017, Service League began providing services under the DMC-ODS waiver, which allowed Service League and other providers to bill for many more services than they were previously able.

**DISCUSSION:**

Through the DMC-ODS waiver, Service League continues to provide expanded residential substance use disorder treatment services for adult women, pregnant women, and women with infants. Through its evidence-based gender specific groups, Service League is able to provide the most up-to-date information and techniques addressing addiction and other harmful behaviors. Service League works closely with the courts to address legal issues and reunite women with their children.

DHCS continues to require changes in service delivery and reporting requirements of substance use

disorder treatment services through the DMC-ODS waiver. Due to these changes, BHRS is requesting that your Board waive the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for substance use disorder treatment services for two years, allowing BHRS time to finalize the implementation of DMC-ODS waiver-related changes to this and all other BHRS substance use related contracts. In early 2020, BHRS will release a RFP for substance use disorder treatment services to start on July 1, 2021.

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.

Approval of this 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 their treatment/recovery plan or when a participant is transferred to the next appropriate level of care. It is anticipated that 95 percent of clients will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2018-19 Estimated	FY 2019-20 Projected
Program participants that achieve a successful treatment discharge	95% 25 participants	95% 25 participants

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,679,804 for the two-year term. Of this amount, \$839,902 will be included in the BHRS FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget. The Mental Health Services Act will fund \$22,084, Federal Financial Participation for Drug Med-Cal \$281,868, Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant will fund \$216,145, 2011 Realignment will fund \$33,822, and Net County Cost will fund \$285,983. The payment provisions and levels of service remain essentially the same as those of the prior agreement.