



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 19-630

Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2019

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 Samaritan House for Transitional Housing Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Samaritan House for transitional housing services for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$281,453.

BACKGROUND:

Samaritan House provides a full range of transitional residential services, which include: comprehensive, personalized case management and services; counseling; Redi-clinic care; meals; job search assistance; financial coaching and assistance; transportation assistance; permanent housing placement; and various community gatherings to encourage socializing and build clients' self-esteem.

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) manages the placements in this and other residential service facilities within the total budgeted amount for mental health residential services.

DISCUSSION:

Samaritan House is a shelter that offers emergency and short-term housing options for clients coping with co-occurring illnesses who are not in alcohol and drug recovery programs. Many of the shelter beds in this County require prospective residents to be clean, sober, and in good behavior. Samaritan House is the only known shelter in the County that provides housing for individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs and has a drug and alcohol program on site.

Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of residential services for mental health clients is exempt from the Request for Proposals requirements.

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 residential services to mentally ill clients. It is anticipated that at least 20 percent of all admissions will be discharged to stable (permanent or transitional) housing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

| Measure | FY 2019-20 Estimated | FY 2020-21 Projected |
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| Percentage of clients discharged to stable (permanent or transitional) housing | 20% 14 clients | 20% 14 clients |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$281,453 for the three-year term. Funds in the amount of \$93,989 will be included in the BHRS FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget. Of that amount, it is anticipated that 100 percent will be funded by MHSA. Similar arrangements will be made for future years. The payment provisions and level of services in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement.