



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 19-803

Board Meeting Date: 8/6/2019

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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 Our Common Ground, Inc. for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Our Common Ground, Inc. for substance use disorder treatment services for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$6,919,618.

### **BACKGROUND:**

For over 20 years, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with Our Common Ground, Inc. (OCG) to provide substance use disorder outpatient and residential treatment services to San Mateo County adults with substance abuse and addiction problems.

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 February 2017, OCG began providing services under the DMC-ODS waiver, which allowed OCG and other providers to bill for many more services than they were previously able.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Through the DMC-ODS waiver, OCG continues to provide outpatient and residential treatment services to adult County residents. Services include individual therapy, individual counseling, group therapy, anger management, family therapy, and room and board. OCG's treatment approach is a strength-based Modified Therapeutic Community Model, which values relationships and views the clients in light of their competencies rather than their deficiencies. Success is based upon individual progress in treatment, while concentrating on academic and vocational pursuits.

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. The agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

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 70% of clients will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2018-19 Estimated	FY 2019-20 Projected
Percentage of program participants that achieve a successful treatment discharge	70% 49 participants	70% 49 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 \$6,919,618 for the two-year term. Of this amount, \$3,459,809 will be included in the BHRS FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget. The Mental Health Services Act will fund \$18,781, Federal Financial Participation for Drug Med-Cal will fund \$1,664,306, Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant will fund \$273,552, 2011 Realignment will fund \$567,320, and AB 109 will fund \$327,560. The Net County Cost is \$608,290. The payment provisions and levels of service remain essentially the same as those of the prior agreement.