



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 20-072

Board Meeting Date: 2/25/2020

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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:** Amendment to the Agreement with Tamar Meidav, M.D. for Psychiatric Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Tamar Meidav, M.D. for psychiatry services, increasing the amount by \$439,774 to an amount not to exceed \$778,354, and extending the term through June 30, 2022.

### **BACKGROUND:**

For the past several years, there has been a shortage of adult and child psychiatrists in California and the United States in general. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has found it difficult to fill child psychiatrist positions in San Mateo County due to the high cost of living. BHRS runs advertisements for specialty psychiatric services on a regular basis in the Northern California Psychiatric Newsletter and other venues as needed. Dr. Meidav was selected from candidates who responded to those advertisements and has contracted with BHRS since 2003.

On May 22, 2018, the Board approved an agreement with Dr. Meidav for psychiatric services, for the term of May 22, 2018 through June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$338,580.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Meidav will continue to provide child psychiatry services at various mental health clinics throughout the County. The services shall include child and youth psychiatric evaluation and treatment, psychotherapy, family therapy and consultation, and residency training and case consultation to staff.

An amendment to Dr. Meidav's contract is now necessary because BHRS recently approved rates for its contracted psychiatrists, in order to remain competitive with the Bay Area market. Dr. Meidav, who holds a General Psychiatric Board certification and specialty Psychiatric Board certification is eligible to receive a rate increase representing approximately 35% of her previous hourly rate.

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

It is anticipated that 80% of clients will be retained at current or lower level of placement.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2019-20 Estimated	FY 2020-21 Projected
Percentage of served clients that will be retained at current or lower level of placement.	80%	80%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the amendment is May 22, 2018 through June 30, 2022. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$778,354. The amendment increases the contract amount by \$4396,774 and extends the contract term by two years. Funds in the amount of \$186,846 are included in the BHRS FY 2019-2 Adopted Budget. Of that amount, Medi-Cal will fund \$74,738; 1991 Realignment will fund \$74,738; and 2011 Realignment for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment will fund \$37,369. There is no Net County Cost.