



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 20-726

Board Meeting Date: 9/29/2020

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 Mental Health Association of San Mateo County for Housing and Housing-Related Mental Health Services, Rehabilitation Services, and Flexible Fund Administration

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County for housing and housing-related mental health services, rehabilitation services, and Flexible Fund administration for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$4,549,048.

BACKGROUND:

For many years, the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County (MHA) has contracted with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to provide shelter, supported housing, and other mental health rehabilitation services to County clients. These services focus primarily on providing community-based alternatives for BHRS clients who are: at risk of an acute, inpatient psychiatric admission; placed in a locked skilled nursing facility; or becoming homeless. In addition, MHA administers the Flexible Funds, which may be used to purchase unique services for BHRS clients such as food, shelter, clothing, and other basic necessities. MHA's Flexible Funds help clients maintain independent living in the community, remain engaged in mental health services, and avoid hospitalization.

Under the B-1 Administrative memorandum, the selection of providers of housing services for BHRS clients is exempt from the Request for Proposals process.

DISCUSSION:

MHA will provide rehabilitation services for seriously mentally ill adults with co-occurring disorders, as well as emergency short-term housing at the Spring Street Emergency Shelter for homeless clients. MHA will also provide Shelter Plus Care Project coordination, operate the Friendship Center, and

administer Flexible Funds for BHRS' Adult and Older Adult Services and its Pathways Program. Finally, MHA will secure and manage 30 units of high-quality housing for transition-age youth Full-Service Partnership enrollees.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions 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. This agreement is coming to the Board late due to prolonged contract negotiations and is on the Continuing Resolution.

BHRS provides a range of services to promote wellness and recovery and to support consumers remaining in the lowest possible level of care. It is anticipated that 85% of clients in supportive housing will not be hospitalized.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2019-20 Actual	FY 2020-21 Projected
Clients remaining in the community and out of the hospital	85% 143 clients	85% 143 clients

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$4,549,048. \$2,274,524 will be included in the BHRS FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget. Of that amount, it is anticipated that \$960,349 will be funded by 1991 Realignment, \$452,000 by Federal Medi-Cal, \$409,327 by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) for Supportive Housing, \$11,000 by MHSA for Workforce Training, and the remaining \$441,848 is Net County Cost. A similar arrangement will be in place for FY 2021-22.