



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

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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: Memorandum of Understanding with San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to increase access to mental health services for children and youth in San Mateo County for the term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$5,359,954.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 75 includes the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA), which establishes mental health partnerships between county mental health or behavioral health departments and educational entities. The MHSSA grant is intended to foster stronger school-community mental health partnerships between counties and local educational agencies to create targeted interventions for pupils with identified social-emotional, behavioral, and academic needs.

On July 23, 2020, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), in collaboration with the San Mateo County Office of Education, was awarded one of two MHSSA grants earmarked for large counties. The four-year grant is aimed at improving access to mental health services for San Mateo County students and their families.

DISCUSSION:

Through the awarded MHSSA grant, Success for Youth and Schools through Trauma-Informed & Equitable Modules (SYSTEM Support) partnership was formed. SYSTEM Support is a new partnership between San Mateo County Health, BHRS, and the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE), in collaboration with 12 participating school districts. The participating school districts include: (1) Bayshore Elementary; (2) Cabrillo Unified; (3) Jefferson Elementary; (4) Jefferson Union High School; (5) Pacifica; (6) Ravenswood City; (7) Burlingame Elementary; (8) Hillsborough City; (9) San Bruno Park; (10) San Carlos; (11) San Mateo-Foster City; and (12) Sequoia Union High.

SYSTEM Support will promote consistency in Social Emotional Learning (SEL), data collection across the 12 participating districts, and provide specialized school-site behavioral health services in 3 selected districts and one continuation school (Bayshore Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Jefferson Union High and Pilarcitos Continuation).

SMCOE will work collaboratively with BHRS to launch the SYSTEM Support program. SMCOE will provide the day-to-day project implementation and oversight of the SYSTEM Support program, which will provide the following:

A. For all 12 school districts:

1. Evidence-based practice SEL and coaching;
2. Staff coaching and support in the Community Resiliency Model; and
3. Data collection tools/supports for evaluation.

B. Specialized school-site behavioral health services in 3 selected districts and 1 continuation school (Bayshore Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Jefferson Union High, and Pilarcitos continuation), which were selected because they have fewer resources dedicated to school wellness and have poorer student health outcomes; including:

1. Universal Screening for SEL/Behavior Issues;
2. Wellness Counselors on site to decrease the student to counselor ratio; and
3. Care Coordination to support linkages to BHRS and other community-based and core services that students and families may need.

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

As of FY 2019-20, San Mateo County’s children and youth penetration rate (percentage of Specialty Mental Health Service (SMHS) eligible beneficiaries that received one SMHS claimed through Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal) was 3.2%, equivalent to 1,909 children and youth. It is anticipated that penetration rates shall increase to 3.5%.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2019-21 Actual	FY 2020-21 Projected
Percentage of children and youth who receive at least one Specialty Mental Health Service	3.2% 1,909 children/youth	3.5% 2,088 children/youth

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the MOU is October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2024. The maximum is \$5,359,954. Of this amount, it is anticipated that 100% will be funded by the MHSSA grant. There is no Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget.