



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 21-230

Board Meeting Date: 3/23/2021

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 the Department of State Hospitals for Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Department of State Hospitals for a pre-trial felony mental health diversion program for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$835,757.

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, California has seen a drastic increase in the referral to state hospitals of patients who are incompetent to stand trial. The Department of State Hospitals (DSH) issued a call to action, pursuant to AB1810, for local governments to create innovative diversion programs. San Mateo County Health's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) division, in partnership with the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo and San Mateo County Probation Department, applied for a grant that would fund the expansion of our diversion services to those deemed highly vulnerable and at risk, through a Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Program.

On May 8, 2020, BHRS was informed by DSH that a grant award was going to be made to support the proposed Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Program.

DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement, BHRS shall administer a pre-trial felony mental health diversion program for individuals charged with felony offenses in San Mateo County. Program participants are individuals with serious mental disorders who have been charged with certain felony crimes and found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to qualify for diversion services pursuant to California Penal Code section 1001.36. BHRS shall provide clinically appropriate or evidence-based mental health treatment and wraparound services across a continuum of care, as appropriate, to meet the individual needs of Felony Mental Health Diversion Clients.

BHRS requests your Board to authorize the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee to execute this agreement and any additional amendments thereto and on behalf of the County.

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

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

It is anticipated that 4 unduplicated felony mental health diversion clients will be served per year by this contract.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2019-20 Actual	FY 2020-21 Projected
Number of unduplicated felony mental health diversion clients that will be served	N/A	4 clients

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$835,737. Of this amount, \$278,576 is included in the BHRS FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years.

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with this agreement. No Grant funds will be spent on staffing costs; the staff time spent working on the grant are considered an in-kind source of support and will fulfill the 20% match requirement.