



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 21-865

Board Meeting Date: 11/9/2021

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 Latino Commission for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with The Latino Commission for substance use disorder treatment services, for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,146,037.

BACKGROUND:

For over 20 years, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has contracted with The Latino Commission (TLC) for outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment and recovery services, as well as transitional housing services. Examples of these services include: assessment, recovery or treatment planning, individual and group counseling, and case management.

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

DISCUSSION:

Through the DMC-ODS waiver, TLC continues to provide expanded outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment services for men, women, and young mothers with children. Services include: assessment, recovery or treatment planning, psycho-education, process and support groups, individual counseling, case management, and financial coaching. In addition, TLC provides Trauma-Informed Co-Occurring Prevention Services for Youth, previously known as Seeking Safety. Services target Coastside Latino youth and transition age youth ages 15-25 from bicultural, bilingual Spanish-speaking families with a history of trauma, poverty, and disparity.

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 one year, allowing BHRS time to finalize the implementation of DMC-ODS waiver-related changes to this and all other BHRS substance use related contracts. In late 2021, BHRS will release an RFP for substance use disorder treatment services to start on July 1, 2022.

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. This agreement is late due to prolonged contract negotiations and is on the Continuing Resolution.

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 60% of program participants will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2020-21 Actual	FY 2021-22 Estimated
Percentage of program participants that achieve a successful treatment discharge	60% 80 participants	60% 80 participants

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,146,037 for the one-year term and will be included in the BHRS FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget. Of this amount, Federal Financial Participation for Drug Med-Cal will fund \$309,849, Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant will fund \$286,310, 2011 Realignment will fund \$122,018, Mental Health Services Act will fund \$30,000, and AB 109 will fund \$7,466. The Net County Cost is \$390,394.