



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 22-720

Board Meeting Date: 9/27/2022

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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  
Lisa Mancini, Interim Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

**Subject:** Agreement with Samaritan House for Transitional Housing Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Samaritan House for transitional housing services for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$322,992.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Samaritan House provides a full range of transitional residential services that includes: comprehensive, personalized case management and services; counseling; REDI-clinic care; meals; job search assistance; financial coaching and assistance; transportation assistance; permanent housing placement; and various community gatherings to encourage socializing and to build clients' self-esteem.

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) manages the placements in this and other residential service facilities within the total budgeted amount for mental health residential services.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Samaritan House is a shelter that offers emergency and short-term housing options for clients coping with co-occurring illnesses who are not in alcohol and drug recovery programs. Many of the shelter beds in this County require prospective residents to be clean, sober and in good behavior. Samaritan House is the only known shelter in the County that provides "wet" housing for individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs and has a drug and alcohol program on site. This agreement includes a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) of 3% for FY2022-23.

Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of residential services for mental health clients is exempt from the Requests for Proposals requirements.

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 Attorney as to form, and is on the Continuing Resolution. The

agreement is late due to prolonged negotiations.

It is anticipated that at least 20% of all admissions will be discharged to stable (permanent or transitional) housing.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2022-23 Estimated	FY 2023-24 Projected
Percentage of clients discharged to stable (permanent or transitional) housing	30% 10 clients	30% 10 clients

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$322,992 for the three-year term. Funds in the amount of \$107,566 are included in the BHRS FY 2022-23 Recommended Budget. Of that amount, it is anticipated that 100% will be funded by MHSA. The payment provisions and level of services in the agreement are essentially the same as the prior agreement.