



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 23-645

Board Meeting Date: 7/25/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health
Jei Africa, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with HealthRIGHT360 for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders Youth and Young Adults Behavioral Health Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with HealthRIGHT360 for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders' Youth and Young Adults Behavioral Health Services for the term of August 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$840,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Pacific Islanders Organizing, Nurturing, and Empowering Everyone to Rise and Serve (PIONEERS) Program is a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovations approved three-year pilot project that will provide culturally relevant, behavioral health support for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) youth and young adults. The PIONEERS Program will increase access to behavioral health services for NHPI youth and young adults ages 14-25. The PIONEERS Program will address the wellness and behavioral health needs of NHPI youth and young adults in San Mateo County, as informed by a Youth Advisory Council of NHPI youth, young adults, and leaders.

In December 2022, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) released a Request for Proposals for the PIONEERS Program. HealthRIGHT 360's Asian American Recovery Services submitted a proposal and was recommended as the provider for these services.

DISCUSSION:

The PIONEERS Program will embrace "Mana," a Pacific Islander concept that can be defined as the connection and spirit of higher power (gods, ancestors, and the universe). This theme will be used in connection with the services provided, as it is an important concept for all-encompassing wellness - body, mind, and soul - among Pacific Islanders. Strategies will include culturally responsive outreach, engagement, youth empowerment and leadership development through community advocacy, one-on-one mentoring and group education workshops, case management and support, and linkage to services.

The PIONEERS Program is innovative in how it incorporates cultural responsiveness into every phase and aspect of the program; develops new partnerships between high schools, community colleges and county/community providers; and empowers NHPI youth and young adults to become advocates of their own behavioral health wellbeing and that of their communities through an advocacy or capacity building project that they lead. Currently, specialty mental health service penetration rates at BHRS are lowest for youth Asian/Pacific Islander racial group (1.8%). The intent is that the PIONEERS Program will increase penetration rates for NHPI youth and young adults.

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

This agreement has been delayed due to prolonged contract negotiations with the provider.

This agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to form.

It is anticipated that 90% of NHPI youth and young adult participants will improve mental health outcomes related to suicide ideation, anxiety, and depression.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2023-24 Estimated	FY 2024-25 Projected
Percentage of NHPI youth and young adult participants that improve mental health outcomes related to suicide ideation, anxiety, depression*	90% 22 of 24 participants	90% 36 of 40 participants

*This is a new performance measure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$840,000 for the three-year term. The MHSA Innovation Component will fund 100% of this agreement. Of that amount, \$238,220 is included in the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be in place for subsequent years. There is no Net County Cost.

Attachments:

1. RFP Matrix