



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 24-536

Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2024

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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  
Jeji Africa, Director, Behavioral Health, and Recovery Services

**Subject:** Agreement with Daly City Peninsula Partnership Collaborative for the Kapwa Kultural Center and Cafe

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Daly City Peninsula Partnership Collaborative for the Kawpa Kultural Center and Café, for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,017,699.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Kawpa Kultural Center and Cafe, is an approved 5-year Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation (INN) pilot project to develop a social enterprise business model supporting the sustainability of youth-focused services, including youth development, culturally specific education and arts, and linkages to behavioral health services as needed. This project will provide services targeting at-risk Filipino/a/x transitional age youth (16-24 years) from northern San Mateo County.

**DISCUSSION:**

The original pilot project was proposed by the Filipino Mental Health Initiative and informed by a needs assessment of northern San Mateo County youth and community. Stakeholders were engaged in providing input on the project through the MHSA Steering Committee and the Behavioral Health Commission on November 6, 2019, following a public hearing and 30-day public comment. This Board approved the project as part of the FY 2019-20 MHSA Annual Update on April 7, 2020.

On December 2020, Behavioral Health, and Recovery Services (BHRS) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking an agency to implement the MHSA INN Social Enterprise Cafe pilot project (now known as the Kawpa Kultural Center and Cafe). Daly City Peninsula Partnership Collaborative (Daly City Partnership) was selected to provide these services by an RFP evaluation panel for the term of October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, with the option to extend an additional two years to complete the approved pilot term of five years.

The project includes the development of a social enterprise business model, which advances a social mission and has proven to be a sustainable approach with respect to stable and diversified funding streams for community-oriented social services. The project includes profit generating through the

sale of goods, with a goal of providing financial sustainability for the programming. The Kawpa Kultural Center and Cafe's "social mission" or primary emphasis is to build protective factors in youth through a focus on social determinants of negative behavioral health outcomes, capacity development and cultural identity formation, which would in turn lower the risk of developing serious behavioral health conditions amongst Filipino/a/x Youth.

In FY 2022-23, the Kawpa Kultural Center and Cafe provided eleven support groups, "Kapwa Soul Sessions" with 25 youth and reached 257 youth through workshops, seminars, trainings, and presentations focused on leadership development, wellness, entrepreneurship, rites of passage and financial wellness. The topics of the workshops were informed by a youth advisory. Of the youth workshop participants and survey respondents (N=31); 97% agreed that they felt connected to their culture, 94% felt connected to their community and 90% agreed that staff connected them to other services in the community that have been helpful and that they feel comfortable reaching out to staff if they need services in the future.

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

Implementation of an innovative project with the complexity of a social enterprise cafe with many business consultants, partners, stakeholders, and layers of decision-making has been at times challenging, including the delay in having access to the café business. It is anticipated that the Kawpa Kultural Center and Cafe will reach 50 unduplicated youth through case management, and support groups as well as 300 youth through workshops, seminars, trainings, and presentations as it transitions to full-scale implementation in FY 2023-24.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2023-24 Estimated</b>	<b>FY 2024-25 Projected</b>
Number of unduplicated youth served and linked to short-term behavioral health services (case management and support groups only)	50 youth clients	50 youth clients

**EQUITY IMPACT:**

The Kawpa Kultural Center and Cafe will positively impact our Filipinx community in the northern region of San Mateo County, particularly in Daly City, which has the highest concentration of Filipinx individuals in any U.S. municipality, constituting 32% of the population. In FY 2022-23, all youth survey respondents identified their race as Asian/Asian American (100%), and nearly all respondents identified their ethnicity as Filipino/a/x (97%) with an average age of 19, and range of 15 to 23 years old.

The Kawpa Kultural Center and Cafe provides crucial support to Filipinx youth, focusing on key social determinants of health such as education, employment, and access to care as well as behavioral health outcomes. Moreover, this project supports efforts to reinforce and celebrate Filipinx cultural and ethnic identity, leveraging research that highlights the correlation between cultural resilience and positive life outcomes. It aims to bridge the gap in access to behavioral health services across San Mateo County, where the Asian or Pacific Islander community faces disproportionately lower rates of utilization, with only 1.6% of youth from this racial group accessing behavioral health care.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,017,699 for the two-year term. The Mental Health Service Act will fund 100% or \$1,017,699 of this agreement. Of that amount, \$645,216 is included in the BHRS FY 2024-2025 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be in place for FY 2025-2026. There is no Net County Cost.