



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: October 15, 2015
Board Meeting Date: December 8, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with One East Palo Alto for multi-cultural center services, outreach and engagement services, and crisis response

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with One East Palo Alto for multi-cultural center services, outreach and engagement services, and crisis response for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$454,577.

BACKGROUND:

One East Palo Alto (OEPA) has provided multi-cultural center services and outreach and engagement services for consumers receiving mental health services in East Palo Alto since October 2008. The services are provided by community outreach workers who access and connect community members to appropriate behavioral health services in East Palo Alto.

DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement, OEPA will continue to provide four distinct services that include the following: 1) multi-cultural center services that are welcoming to adult behavioral health consumers and their families, and serving target populations that reflect the multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-generational diversity in the community; 2) outreach, engagement, and linkage services through the East Palo Alto Partnership for Mental Health Outreach; 3) training community partners to identify and help people with mental health issues by using the Mental Health First Aid Program; and 4) providing a culturally competent crisis response to the Ravenswood City School District through a Behavioral Health Advisory Group.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is in the process of re-evaluating strategies to improve and enhance the reporting and evaluation of outreach activities. For this reason, BHRS is requesting a one-year waiver of the Request for Proposals

(RFP) process for outreach and engagement services; BHRS intends to release an RFP for these services in FY 2015-16 with services to start on July 1, 2016.

This contract is late because BHRS had to reconcile OEPA's payments and program costs prior to finalizing this new contract for FY 2015-16.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions 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. The agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing multi-cultural center services for consumers of mental health services. BHRS provides a range of services to support consumers in their efforts towards wellness and recovery. The provision of multi-cultural center services to assist consumers with connecting to services that address their needs and support wellness is one established form of support. It is anticipated that no fewer than 90 unduplicated clients will be referred by the multi-cultural center for mental health services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of unduplicated clients referred for mental health services	90	90

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$454,577. Of that amount, the Mental Health Services Act will fund \$272,502, Federal Financial Participation for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities will fund \$49,787, and Measure A will fund \$113,300. The Net County Cost is \$18,988. Funds for these services are included in the BHRS FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. The payment provisions and levels of service remain essentially the same as those of the prior agreement.