

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Departmental Correspondence

DATE: **SEP 7 2001**
HEARING DATE: **SEP 25 2001**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Gale Bataille, Director, Mental Health Services
SUBJECT: Agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc.



RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution:

1. authorizing the President of the Board to execute an agreement with Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., for intensive residential and day treatment services for youth.
2. authorizing the Director of Health Services to execute amendments and minor modifications to this agreement not to exceed the aggregate of \$25,000.

Background

Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. (VTC), through its Willow Creek program, serves the psychiatric treatment needs of seriously emotionally disturbed youth ages 11 to 18, by providing intensive residential and day treatment services for those youth who would otherwise require more restrictive levels of care or out-of-state residential placements. The goal of the program is to return youth to their own homes, whenever possible, or to a less restrictive placement. Family support services and collaborative work with agency personnel are provided as part of the program to help accomplish this goal. Some youth are placed in this facility through Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 26.5 of the Government Code (mental health services provided to special education youth).

VTC has provided services to San Mateo County for eight years. The agency was selected on the basis of expertise, flexibility, and willingness to work with a challenging population. This service was not put out to bid this year because the Mental Health Services Division is working with the Department of Public Works to build an in-county, residential facility for this high-risk youth population. All youth residential services contracts will be restructured when the facility is completed, and a program implemented. The anticipated date for the new in-county program is May 2002.

Discussion

During the 2001-02 contract year, San Mateo County will pay for a maximum of 1,095 days of service to youth placed in the residential facility. The rate is \$150 per day, per youth, for mental health services only. Victor Treatment Center, Inc. is also capable of providing these services to hearing impaired youth. The rate for a hearing impaired youth is \$205 per day, per youth. The contractor will provide services to an average of three (3) youth per day. Room and board are funded by the County's out of home placement budget, administered by the Human Services Agency.

Performance Measure	2000-01 Objective	2000-01 Actual	2001-02 Objective
Percent of youth participating in the program who will have no acute psychiatric hospitalizations during the contract year.	90%	100%	90%*
At least one youth who participated in the program will successfully transition to a less restrictive level of care during the contract year.	1	1	1

* 90% is a very successful target rate for the small population receiving these services.

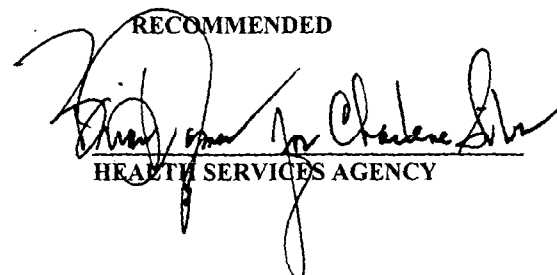
Term

The agreement is effective from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, and carries the usual relationship of parties, hold harmless, and insurance clauses. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel and Risk Management.

Fiscal Impact

The total amount of the agreement is \$184,325. This funding is included in the 2001-02 approved Mental Health Services' budget. Medi-Cal is expected to fund a total of \$27,649. Of the remaining cost, \$128,474 (82%) will be funded through realignment sales tax and \$28,202 will be funded through SB90 reimbursement for youth placed in this facility under Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 26.5 of the Government Code. We are requesting that the Director of Health Services be given signing authority to execute minor amendments and adjustments up to \$25,000.

RECOMMENDED



HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH
VICTOR TREATMENT CENTERS, INC.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of
California, that

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors for its consideration
and acceptance an Agreement, reference to which is hereby made for further particulars, whereby
Victor Treatment Centers, Inc., shall provide intensive residential and day treatment services for
youth; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with the Agreement and has examined and
approved it as to both form and content and desires to enter into the Agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the
President of this Board of Supervisors be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to execute said
Agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of this Board shall attest
the President's signature thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Health Services is hereby authorized
to execute subsequent Amendments and minor modifications to the Agreement with Victor
Treatment Centers, Inc., not to exceed the aggregate of \$25,000 for each Agreement.

AGREEMENT WITH VICTOR TREATMENT CENTERS, INC.,
FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, hereinafter called "County," and VICTOR TREATMENT CENTERS, INC., hereinafter called "Contractor";

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of performing the professional services hereinafter described for the Health Services Agency, Mental Health Services Division; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code, Section 31000, County may contract with independent contractors for the furnishing of such services to or for County or any Department thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

1. Services to be Performed by Contractor

In consideration of the payments hereinafter set forth, Contractor, under the general direction of the Director of Health Services, or her designee, with respect to the product or result of Contractor's services, shall provide intensive residential and day treatment services for youth as described in Schedule A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. Such services shall be provided in a professional and diligent manner.

2. Payments

A. Maximum Amount. In full consideration of Contractor's performance of the services described in Schedule A, the amount that County shall be obligated to pay for services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$184,325) for the contract term.

B. Rate of Payment. The rate and terms of payment shall be as specified in Schedule B, attached hereto and incorporated herein. Any rate increase is subject to the approval of the Director of Health Services or her designee, and shall not be binding on County unless so approved in writing. In no event may the rates established in Schedule B be increased to the extent that the maximum County obligation shall exceed the total specified in paragraph 2A above. Each payment shall be conditioned on the performance of the services described in Schedule A to the full satisfaction of the Director of Health Services or her designee.

C. Time Limit for Submitting Invoices. Contractor shall submit an invoice for services to County for payment in accordance with the provisions of Schedule B. County shall not be obligated to pay Contractor for the services covered by any invoice if Contractor presents the invoice to County more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date Contractor renders the services, or more than ninety (90) days after this Agreement terminates, whichever is earlier.

3. Relationship of Parties

It is expressly understood that this is an agreement between two (2) independent contractors and that no agency, employee, partnership, joint venture or other relationship is established by this Agreement. The intent by both County and Contractor is to create an independent contractor relationship. Contractor expressly acknowledges and accepts his/her tax status and the tax consequences of an independent contractor. Further, as an independent contractor, Contractor expressly acknowledges and accepts that he/she has no rights, benefits, privileges and/or claims in any form whatsoever under, from, through and/or pursuant to the San Mateo County Civil Service Rules.

4. Hold Harmless

Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless County, its officers, agents, employees, and servants from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind and description, brought for, or on account of: (A) injuries to or death of any person, including Contractor, or (B) damage to any property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging, or (C) any failure to withhold and/or pay to the government income and/or employment taxes from earnings

under this Agreement, or (D) any other loss or cost, including but not limited to that caused by the concurrent active or passive negligence of County, its officers, agents, employees, or servants, resulting from the performance of any work required of Contractor or payments made pursuant to this Agreement, provided that this shall not apply to injuries or damage for which County has been found in a court of competent jurisdiction to be solely liable by reason of its own negligence or willful misconduct.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth herein, shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

5. Insurance

Contractor shall not commence work under this Agreement until all insurance required under this section has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by the Director of Health Services. Contractor shall furnish the Health Services Agency with Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. These Certificates shall specify or be endorsed to provide that thirty (30) days' notice must be given, in writing, to the Health Services Agency of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy.

In the event of the breach of any provision of this section, or in the event any notice is received which indicates any required insurance coverage will be diminished or canceled, County at its option, may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, immediately declare a material breach of this Agreement and suspend all further work pursuant to this Agreement.

A. Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance. Contractor shall have in effect during the entire life of this Agreement, Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, County makes the following certification, required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code:

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Code, and I

will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement.

B. Liability Insurance. Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this Agreement such Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance as shall protect him while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from Contractor's operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by himself or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall not be less than the amounts specified below.

Such insurance shall include:

- 1) Comprehensive General Liability \$1,000,000
- 2) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance\$1,000,000
- 3) Professional Liability\$1,000,000

If this Agreement remains in effect more than one (1) year from the date of its original execution, County may, at its sole discretion, require an increase in the amount of liability insurance to the level then customary in similar County agreements by giving sixty (60) days' notice to Contractor.

County and its officers, agents, employees and servants shall be named as additional insured on any such policies of insurance, which shall also contain a provision that the insurance afforded thereby to County, its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be primary insurance to the full limits of liability of the policy, and that if County or its officers and employees have other insurance against the loss covered by such a policy, such other insurance shall be excess insurance only. Said certificate(s) of insurance is (are) attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Attachment II (and III).

6. Non-Discrimination

Contractor shall comply with the non-discrimination requirements described in Schedule C, which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein.

Contractor shall comply with County admission and treatment policies which shall provide that patients are accepted for care without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, or political affiliation.

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including, but not limited to:

- i. termination of this Agreement;
- ii. disqualification of Contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to three (3) years;
- iii. liquidated damages of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500) per violation;
- iv. imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this paragraph, the County Manager shall have the authority to:

- i. examine Contractor's employment records with respect to compliance with this paragraph;
- ii. set off all or any portion of the amount described in this paragraph against amounts due to Contractor under the Contract or any other contractor between Contractor and County.

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing by any person in any court of any complaint of discrimination or the filing by any person of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Fair Employment and Housing Commission or any other entity charged with the investigation of allegations within thirty (30) days of such filing, provided that within such thirty (30) days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges

are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include the name of the complainant, a copy of such complaint, and a description of the circumstance. Contractor shall provide County with a copy of its response to the complaint when filed.

With respect to the provision of employee benefits, Contractor shall comply with the County Ordinance which prohibits contractors from discriminating in the provision of employee benefits between an employee with a domestic partner and an employee with a spouse.

7. Assignments and Subcontracts

A. Without the written consent of the Director of Health Services or her designee, this Agreement is not assignable in whole or in part. Any assignment by Contractor without the written consent of the Director of Health Services or her designee is a breach of this Agreement and shall automatically terminate this Agreement.

B. Contractor shall not employ subcontractors or consultants to carry out the responsibilities undertaken pursuant to this contract without the written consent of the Director of Health Services or her designee.

C. All assignees, subcontractors, or consultants approved by the Director of Health Services or her designee shall be subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to Contractor under this Agreement, and Contractor shall be liable for the assignee's, subcontractor's or consultant's acts and/or omissions.

D. All agreements between Contractor and subcontractor and/or assignee for services pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be provided to County.

8. Amendment of Agreement

This Agreement is complete and contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No amendment shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no oral understanding or agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto.

9. Records

A. Contractor agrees to provide to County, to any federal or state department having monitoring or reviewing authority, to County's authorized representatives and/or their appropriate audit agencies upon reasonable notice, access to and the right to examine and audit all

records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant federal, state, and local statutes, rules and regulations, and this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness and timeliness of services performed.

B. Contractor shall maintain and preserve all financial records relating to this Agreement for a period of four (4) years from the termination date of this Agreement, or until audit findings are resolved, whichever is greater.

10. Compliance with Applicable Laws

All services to be performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal laws, including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Attachment I, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving any federal or county financial assistance. Such services shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations, including, but not limited to, appropriate licensure, certification regulations, provisions pertaining to confidentiality of records, and applicable quality assurance regulations.

11. Interpretation and Enforcement

A. Any notice, request, demand or other communication required or permitted hereunder shall be deemed to be properly given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or when deposited with a public telegraph company for transmittal, charges prepaid, addressed:

1) In the case of County, to:

San Mateo County
Mental Health Services Division
225 37th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

or to such person or address as County may, from time to time furnish to Contractor.

2) In the case of Contractor, to:

Victor Treatment Centers, Inc.
David Favor
Seven Governor's Lane
Chico, CA 95926

B. Controlling Law. The validity of this Agreement and of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties hereunder, the interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

12. Venue

In the event that suit shall be brought by either party to this contract, the parties agree that venue shall be exclusively vested in the state courts of San Mateo County, or where otherwise appropriate, exclusively in the United States District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco, California.

13. Term of the Agreement

Subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor, Director of Health Services or her designee at any time upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party.

Parties recognize that Contractor has performed services from July 1, 2001 through date of execution of this Agreement in anticipation of execution of this Agreement. Parties agree that services are subject to all terms and conditions contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representatives, have affixed their hands.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

VICTOR TREATMENT CENTER'S, INC.

By: _____
Michael D. Nevin, President
Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

By:  _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Clerk of Said Board

Date: _____

Attachment I

(Required only from Contractors who provide services directly to the Public on County's behalf.)

Assurance of Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended

The undersigned (hereinafter called the "Contractor(s)") hereby agrees that it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, all requirements imposed by the applicable DHHS regulation, and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto.

The Contractor(s) gives/give this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining contracts after the date of this assurance. The Contractor(s) recognizes/recognize and agrees/agree that contracts will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Contractor(s), its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Contractor(s).

The Contractor(s): (Check a or b)

- a. employs fewer than 15 persons.
- b. employs 15 or more persons and, pursuant to Section 84.7 (a) of the regulation (45 C.F.R. 84.7 (a)), has designated the following person(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with the DHHS regulation.

Roy Alexander
Name of 504 Person - Type or Print

Victor Treatment Center's, Inc.
Name of Contractor(s) - Type or Print

Seven Governor's Lane
Street Address or PO Box

Chico CA 95926
City State Zip Code

I certify that the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

8/27/01
Date

[Signature]
Signature and Title of Authorized Official

*Exception: DHHS regulations state that:

"If a recipient with fewer than 15 employees finds that, after consultation with a handicapped person seeking its services, there is no method of complying with (the facility accessibility regulations)...other than making a significant alteration in its existing facilities, the recipient may, as an alternative, refer the handicapped person to other providers of those services that are accessible."