




COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Health Services Agency

DATE: July 2, 2002

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 23, 2002

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM:  Margaret Taylor, Director of Health Services
Gale Bataille, Director of Mental Health Services *Gale Bataille / DT*

SUBJECT: Agreement with Sunny Hills Children's Garden

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

1. the President of the Board to execute an agreement with Sunny Hill Children's Garden for Intensive Day Treatment and Therapeutic Behavioral Services for youth, and
2. the Director of Health Services to execute amendments and minor modifications to this agreement not to exceed the aggregate of \$25,000 for the term of the agreement.

Background

Sunny Hills Children's Garden was founded in 1895, and currently provides residential, educational, and community-based mental health services in Marin County, California. The Intensive Day Treatment and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) programs are operated in compliance with regulations as stipulated in the contract between the State Department of Mental Health and San Mateo County, and the organization is certified as a provider of Medi-Cal mental health services for San Mateo County.

Discussion

The Human Service Agency's Youth and Family Services placed two San Mateo County dependent youth at Sunny Hills Children's Garden Residential Program during FY 2001-02. Intensive Day Treatment services are provided to those youth who need this level of mental health services. San Mateo County Mental Health Services has contracted with Sunny Hills to provide Intensive Day Treatment for these youth. TBS services have also been contracted, in case this more intensive one-to-one type of service becomes necessary.

Certification as a provider of Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Services is required for facilities to be reimbursed for this service. The State has delegated this certification duty to counties. This is a new process for most group home facilities, though many facilities, including Sunny Hills, provided similar, non-certified services. Following the placement of San Mateo youth at this facility, Sunny Hills applied for certification in order to provide Intensive Day Treatment Services. This agreement is late due to the lengthy process of our certification of this provider, and the development of new service standards and protocols for this program.

Performance Measures	2001-02 Objectives	2001-02 Actuals	2002-03 Objectives
Intensive Day Treatment Services (residential) minimum percent of youth who will be placed in less restrictive educational placements upon discharge	90%	N/A*	90%
Therapeutic Behavioral Services: percentage of children/youth who shall be maintained at current or reduced level of placement for at least six months following provision of TBS	75%	100%	75%

* - No clients have been discharged from this program as of yet.

Vision Alignment

This agreement with Sunny Hills Children's Garden keeps the commitment to Ensure Basic Health and Safety for All and goal number 8: Help vulnerable people-the aged, disabled, mentally ill, at risk youth, and others- achieve a better quality of life. The agreement contributes to this commitment by providing mental health services for youth.

Fiscal Impact

The term of this agreement is from September 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003. For FY 2001-02 Intensive Day Treatment Services will be \$171.59 per day for a maximum of \$73,955, and TBS will be charged at \$.50 per minute of service, up to 30,000 minutes, for a maximum of \$15,000. A total of \$88,955 is required for FY 2001-02, and was included in the Mental Health Services FY 2001-02 budget.

For FY 2002-03 \$107,355 is included in the approved budget, which will be sufficient to pay for a 3% annual increase. Of that total, \$91,905 is for Intensive Day Treatment Services and \$15,450 is for TBS. The two-year contract maximum is \$196,310. All costs will be covered by SB90 or Medi-Cal funding. There is no net County cost.

We are requesting that the Director of Health Services be given signing authority to execute minor amendments and adjustments up to an aggregate of \$25,000 for the term of the agreement.