



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Human Services Agency

DATE: November 27, 2007
BOARD MEETING DATE: December 18, 2007
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Beverly Beasley Johnson, J.D., Director, Human Services Agency
Renee Smylie, Director, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT: Second Amendment to the Agreement with Women's Recovery Association

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Women's Recovery Association (WRA), to provide treatment services for adolescent girls diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse problems at Tracey's Place of Hope, the term remains the same, May 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008, increasing the amount by \$154,500 to \$359,500.

VISION ALIGNMENT:

Commitment: Ensure basic health and safety for all.

Goal 6: Children grow up healthy in safe and supportive homes and neighborhoods.

This Agreement contributes to this commitment and goal by providing a safe and stable residential treatment program to dual diagnosis adolescents and supporting them in their recovery and path to self-sufficiency.

Performance Measure(s):

Measure	FY 2006-07 Actual	FY 2007-08 Projected
Percent of clients who will complete at least six months of treatment or graduate if their recommended stay is less than six months.	58%	60%

BACKGROUND:

On June 16, 2006, the Human Services Agency (HSA) entered into an Agreement with WRA for \$55,000 to re-open and staff Tracey's Place of Hope after its closure in order to continue the only residential program for dual diagnosis adolescents in San Mateo County.

On November 7, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution Number 068373 to add funds in the amount of \$150,000 for FY 2006-07 to continue to provide residential dual diagnosis treatment services for adolescent girls. The funding is for a full-time Program Director, Social Worker and House Operations Manager who are responsible for providing services such as clinical supervision, family treatment, collaboration and advocacy with schools, managing medication and coordinating medical and psychiatric care. In addition to the services to be provided, the Agreement with WRA included integrating Tracey's Place of Hope in the broader system of care and to expand the capacity from six to eight beds. However, WRA's proposed expansion did not meet zoning standards.

WRA did accomplish the other goal of integrating Tracey's Place of Hope and has become an important link to a larger system of care for adolescent girls. Their services have proven to be effective in meeting positive outcomes. A majority of the youth completed at least six months of treatment, improved their grades and have made significant progress toward graduation.

DISCUSSION:

This Second Amendment to the Agreement with WRA adds funds for the continuation of the residential program for FY 2007-08 that provides 24-hour staffing, who will work closely with collaborating agencies to develop a coordinated case plan. Through its services and collaborative efforts, WRA's treatment approach will address the mental health and substance abuse/dependence issues, as well as other family and social issues such as domestic violence, abandonment, repeated failed placements, and trauma. Referrals will continue to come from Children and Family Services, Mental Health, Probation and Alcohol and Other Drug Services.

The Contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form and Risk Management has approved Contractor's insurance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this Agreement remains the same, May 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008. The additional amount under this Amendment is \$154,500 for FY 2007-08 for a new total obligation of \$359,500 and is 100% funded through state and federal funds. Funds have been included in the FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget.