



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System

DATE: June 25, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 4, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Louise Rogers, Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with AchieveKids

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- 1) Authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Agreement with AchieveKids for the provision of non-public school-based mental health services for children and adolescents, for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, for a maximum obligation of \$471,740; and
- 2) Authorizing the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

BACKGROUND:

AchieveKids has contracted with BHRS for 17 years for the provision of non-public school-based mental health services for children and adolescents (ages six to eighteen) with various emotional, behavioral, and developmental difficulties. Children are placed at AchieveKids by local school districts throughout the County through Individual Education Plan (IEP) team processes. The IEP team consists of the youth's parent(s) or guardian(s), and representatives from the public school district and BHRS. BHRS is responsible for providing mental health services for these clients under Government Code, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 26.5, and, as an adjunctive service in this process, does not have authority to select placements for these children. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of these services is exempt from the County Request for Proposals requirement.



DISCUSSION:

BHRS is recommending an Agreement with AchieveKids for FY 2009-11 for the provision of non-public school-based mental health services. Services will include medication assessment and treatment; classroom interventions; individual, group, and family therapy; plan development; crisis intervention; and referrals to community services.

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel and Risk Management. The contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all 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.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing non-public school-based mental health services for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) provides a range of services to consumers of mental health services in order for them to remain in the lowest possible level of care. The provision of intensive mental health services for youth is one established level of care. The services provided through this Agreement contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 75% of clients will be maintained at their current or a lower level of care.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2008-09 Estimate	FY 2009-10 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at current or lower level of care.	75%	75%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. The Agreement maximum is \$471,740 for the two-year term. For FY 2009-10 the budgeted maximum is \$235,870 which has been included in the BHRS tentatively Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget. Of that amount, Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation revenue will fund \$77,129, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) will fund \$60,619, and sales tax through realignment will fund \$38,447. The Net County Cost is \$59,675. Similar arrangements will be made for FY 2010-11. The estimated Net County Cost for the Agreement term is \$119,350.

Subsequent to the final adoption of the State budget it may be necessary to make changes to this contract in order to reflect legislative action. This contract is recommended to your Board at this time in order to provide a continuity of services to the community until final funding levels can be determined. The contract provides that the County may reduce the scope of the contract to reflect any shortfall in funding from State or federal budget allocations.