



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System

DATE: July 24, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 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 Lil K. Nguyen, M.D., Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- 1) Authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Agreement with Lil K. Nguyen, M.D., Inc. for the provision of psychiatry services for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, for a maximum obligation of \$120,645; 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:

There has been a shortage of adult and child psychiatrists in California and in the nation for the past several years. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has found it difficult to fill child psychiatrist positions in San Mateo County due to the high cost of living. Under Administrative Memorandum B-1, agreements with physicians are exempt from the requirement for a Request for Proposals process. BHRS runs advertisements for specialty psychiatric services on a regular basis in the Northern California Psychiatric Newsletter and other venues as needed. Dr. Nguyen was selected from candidates who responded to those advertisements in 2007.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Nguyen will provide psychiatry services to clients of the Pre-to-Three and Pre-to-Five programs. Services shall include: admission assessments and treatment planning, psychiatric and psychopharmacological treatment of clients, consultation with clinical staff

and affiliated providers, and participation in clinical case conferences.

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. This Agreement is on the Continuing Resolution.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community through the provision of psychiatry services to children and youth clients of BHRS. The data for the current estimated level of satisfaction has been collected from clients of all ages who are receiving services in a wide range of settings, including those who are in locked placements, and for whom placement is involuntary. The projected 90% satisfaction for FY 2009-10 is the County standard satisfaction target for all services.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2008-09 Estimate	FY 2009-10 Target
Percent of clients satisfied with services received*	77%	90%

* These data are for all psychiatrists providing psychiatry services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. The Agreement maximum is \$120,645 for the two-year term. For FY 2009-10 the budgeted maximum is \$59,431 which has been included in the BHRS tentatively Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget. Of that amount, First Five revenue will fund \$38,630, and Federal Financial Participation will fund \$20,801. There is no Net County Cost. A similar arrangement will be made for FY 2010-11.

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.