



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System

DATE: July 31, 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: Second Amendment to the Agreement with Front Street, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Front Street, Inc. for the provision of board and care services for adults, extending the term through June 30, 2011, and increasing the maximum obligation by \$1,253,175 to a new maximum of \$1,533,850.

BACKGROUND:

Front Street, Inc. provides unique services that are both difficult to find and necessary for clients who might otherwise require hospital placement. This contractor is the only provider known to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) that provides 24-hour residential services for older adults with serious and persistent mental illness. On January 8, 2009, the Interim Chief of the Health System approved an Agreement with Front Street, Inc. for the term January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, for a maximum obligation of \$25,000. On March 3, 2009 your Board approved an amendment increasing the number of beds and extending the term. Front Street, Inc. provides board and care services for older adults with serious and persistent mental illness. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, the selection of providers of residential services for mental health clients is exempt from the Request for Proposals requirement. BHRS publishes a public notice every year to solicit applications for new providers.

DISCUSSION:

This Agreement is being amended to increase the number of beds from five to ten, and to add another home, Opal Cliff, that will provide services for adults with severe mental illness, significant medical issues, and/or substance abuse. The amendment is effective August 26, 2009. The Agreement term is also being extended through June 30, 2011.

The Second Amendment 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 through the provision of board and care services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness who are San Mateo County residents. BHRS provides a range of services to consumers of mental health services in order for them to remain at the lowest possible level of care. The provision of enhanced board and care services is one established level of care. The services provided through this Agreement contribute to this measure. It is anticipated that 71% of clients will be maintained at their current or lower level of care.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2008-09 Actual	FY 2009-10 Projected
Percentage of clients maintained at current or lower level of care.	71%	71%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Second Amendment is January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. The Agreement maximum is being increased by \$1,253,175 to a new maximum of \$1,533,850. For FY 2009-10 the budgeted maximum is \$707,700, which has been included in the tentatively Adopted BHRS FY 2009-10 Budget. Sales tax through realignment will provide 100% of the funding for this Agreement. Similar arrangements will be made for FY 2010-11.