



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
Brian Zamora, Director, Community Health

SUBJECT: Amendment 1 to the Agreement with the Harm Reduction Therapy Center

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute Amendment One to the Agreement with the Harm Reduction Therapy Center to provide risk reduction counseling to HIV positive clients, changing the term of the Agreement from March 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010, to March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2010, and decreasing the maximum contract amount from \$297,875 to \$240,539.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2008 the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (CDPH) awarded Aging and Adult Services AIDS Case Management and the San Mateo Public Health STD/HIV Program additional funding for Fiscal Years 2007-08 through 2009-10. This funding was to be used to provide program services targeting HIV positive individuals who are at high-risk for transmitting HIV. On February 26, 2008, your Board approved an Agreement with the Harm Reduction Therapy Center (HRTC) to provide counseling to HIV positive individuals at high-risk of transmitting HIV and to provide clinical consultation and training to staff of both Public Health and Aging and Adult Services.

DISCUSSION:

CDPH has informed the County they would no longer be providing funding for these services. Contractor was notified that the third year of services under the contract

would be cancelled. However, since the counseling services provided under this Agreement have had a beneficial impact on HIV positive clients who are at high-risk of transmitting HIV, the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act (RW) decided to continue providing funding for these services for the period of July 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. The Amendment changes the period of services to match the RW funding cycle, removes the clinical consultation and training services for the third year of the contract, and decreases the total contract amount by \$57,336, from \$297,875 to \$240,539.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendment and Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing program services targeting HIV positive individuals at high-risk for transmitting HIV and for whom other prevention interventions have not proven successful. It is anticipated that 85% of high-risk clients who received counseling will increase the use of long-term risk reduction techniques.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2008-09 Actual	FY 2009-10 Projected
Percentage of high-risk clients receiving counseling who have increased the use of long-term risk reduction techniques.	83%	85%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement has been changed from March 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010, to March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2010. The Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act has awarded the County funds to fully cover the services provided under this Agreement. The original amount of the Agreement was \$297,875. Amendment 1 decreases the amount by \$57,336, for a new total amount of \$240,539. A decrease in funding in the amount of \$57,336 has been included in the Public Health tentatively Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this Amendment.