



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System

DATE: August 27, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 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 Children's Health Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- 1) Waiving the Request for Proposals requirement to select providers of mental health services authorized by the Mental Health Plan; and
- 2) Authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Agreement with Children's Health Council for the provision of non-public school-based mental health services for emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children and adolescents, and mental health services for developmentally disabled clients authorized by the Mental Health Plan, for the term July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, for a maximum obligation of \$534,980; and
- 3) 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:

For over thirteen years Children's Health Council (CHC) has provided intensive non-public school-based mental health services for San Mateo County children with complex emotional, behavioral, and developmental problems. Children are placed at CHC by local school districts throughout the County through Individual Education Plan (IEP) team processes. The IEP team includes the youth's parent(s) or guardian(s), and representatives from the public school district and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS). Under Government Code, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 26.5, BHRS is responsible for providing mental health services for these clients and, as an adjunctive service in this process, does not have authority to select placements for these children. Under the B-1 Administrative Memorandum, these services are exempt from the County Request for Proposals (RFP) requirement.

Since 2006 CHC has provided outpatient mental health services authorized by the Mental Health Plan (MHP). In May 2007 BHRS released an RFP to select agency providers of outpatient mental health services authorized by the MHP. CHC did not respond to the RFP but subsequently agreed to continue to provide these services for developmentally disabled clients. Last year your Board approved a waiver of the RFP requirement for the provision of these outpatient mental health services by CHC.

DISCUSSION:

BHRS is recommending an Agreement with CHC for FY 2009-10 for the provision of non-public school-based mental health services and managed care outpatient mental health services authorized through the MHP. Services will include medication assessment and treatment; classroom interventions; individual, group, and family therapy; plan development; crisis intervention; and, referrals to community services.

We are requesting a waiver of the RFP requirement for mental health services authorized by the MHP. CHC is the only known qualified provider of these services for developmentally disabled clients. An RFP for outpatient mental health services authorized by the MHP will be issued prior to FY 2010-11.

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. 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 Actual	FY 2009-10 Projected
Clients maintained at their current or lower level of care.	75%	75%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The Agreement maximum is \$534,980, which is included in the BHRS tentatively Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget. Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation will fund \$90,000 of the costs; Medicare will fund \$10,000; Healthy Kids will fund \$13,049; private payors will fund \$43,497; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) will cover \$365,765 and Net County Cost will fund \$12,669.