



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: ADMHS
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: 2-12-08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Ann Detrick, Ph.D.
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services 805-681-5220
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SUBJECT: **Telecare Homeless Program Contract**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a. Approve and execute a contract with Telecare Corporation (not a local vendor) to provide mental health services to seriously mentally ill adults who are currently homeless, at risk of homelessness, or are living in substandard housing for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000.
- b. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Summary Text:

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) passed by California voters in November 2004 provides resources to support county mental health programs and monitor progress toward statewide goals for serving children, transition-age youth, adults, older adults and families with mental health needs. Telecare Corporation (Telecare) provides a variety of mental health services to Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) adults and transition aged youth (aged 18-25) in Santa Barbara County. Approval of the recommended action will provide one-time MHSA expansion funding for Telecare's Homeless Adult Recovery Team program which specifically targets adults with SMI who are currently homeless, at risk of homelessness, or are living in substandard housing. The MHSA one-time funding is for the provision

of services and to transition clients to other existing services which will result in no need for additional funding in future years.

Background:

The program utilizes a team-based approach in the provision and coordination of services to severely mentally ill adults in the targeted group. The program provides individualized intensive support services designed to meet the unique needs of each client and may include mental health, physical health, substance abuse services, trauma assessments and goal-oriented recovery planning. In addition, services are coordinated to assist clients with life skills including transportation and housing services, educational and vocational/employment services. Additional features include 24/7/365 availability, a low client-staff ratio, and community-based services. Following best practices in mental health, the program features a multidisciplinary team to serve as the point of responsibility for all client care for the program's clients. The treatment team includes a mental health practitioner, psychiatric nurse, peer/recovery assistants, personal service coordinators and alcohol and drug specialists qualified to treat individuals dually diagnosed with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse conditions. MHSA expansion funding was awarded but due to delays at the State, only formally made available in late 2007. The recommended action allows the formal service contract with Telecare to now be executed.

Performance Measure:

Approval of the recommended action will assist ADMHS in meeting the following **Recurring Performance Measures:**

RPM 0230 to provide effective mental health care to 5,200 adults with serious mental illness.

The program serves a total of 100 members, 45 in South County and 55 in North County.

The California Department of Mental Health has developed mandated assessment forms for collecting the data that will address these broad outcomes for clients in MHSA programs. Outcome measures are specified in the provider's contract, and include:

- Maintenance of stable and permanent housing and reduction in incidents of homelessness, hospitalization, incarceration.
- Increased skill and success in vocational activities as measured by obtaining employment, hours worked per week, entering job training, salary, and hours spent volunteering in the community.
- Increased ability of clients to maintain their financial resources and sources of support.
- Decreased contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system as measured by fewer arrests and jail days, maintenance of probation status, out-of-home placement status of youth as well as the ability of adult clients to maintain the care and custody of their children.
- Decreased necessity for crisis services including emergency room visits for physical health, mental health and substance abuse problems.
- Maintenance of physical health and management of physical health conditions.
- Decreased substance abuse among clients through prevention and early intervention (linking clients to substance abuse services) when a substance abuse problem is identified.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted:

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 1,375,000		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 1,375,000	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The Telecare contract will be funded with one-time MHSA expansion funds. A Budget Revision is being proposed to properly reflect this increased funding under Federal and State Revenues line item 4339 State Other, (page D-148 in the County Budget Book, Mental Health Services Act). The proposed expenditures are included in the FY2007-08 budget for Professional and Special Services, Expenditure Line Item Account 7460.

Execution of this amendment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of amendment and minute order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
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 300 N. San Antonio Road Bldg 3
 Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

Telecare 07-08 Contract

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