



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: December 13, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
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SUBJECT: Aurora Vista Del Mar FY 16-17 First Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Approve and authorize the chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital** (not a local vendor), for the provision additional of Acute Inpatient Services, to increase the contract by \$1,259,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$2,224,000** through June 30, 2017.
- B) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorders to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). In June, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget expansion that increased the funding for Aurora Vista Del Mar by \$1,259,000. Approval of the current recommended

actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to increase the contract limit on the AVDM contract to match the FY 2016-17 appropriations for these beds.

Background:

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD): The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of services, including inpatient treatment services to best meet the needs of individuals with severe mental illness. IMDs are facilities including hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California and none in Santa Barbara County. Behavioral Wellness examines the current caseload and historical use of IMD facilities in order to project the following year’s contract amounts within Department’s budget constraints. Behavioral Wellness contracts with IMDs, such as Aurora Vista Del Mar that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals. Acute Psychiatric Hospitals are used only for clients with emergency mental health needs meeting the criteria of Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5150, and rates are significantly higher due to the hospital license, versus other types of IMDs, which are locked facilities used to treat ongoing psychiatric needs. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State.

Aurora Vista del Mar (AVDM): Acute Psychiatric Hospitals are used only for clients with emergency mental health needs who are determined to be a danger to themselves or others or gravely disabled pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §5150, and meet medical necessity criteria, as defined in the California Code of Regulations Title 9 §1820.205. When the County’s 16-bed Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is full, Santa Barbara County clients are placed at other out-of-county Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, primarily AVDM. The contract with AVDM provides funding for up to nine (9) County clients per day.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **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	\$ 1,259,000.00		
State	\$ 965,000.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 2,224,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: Funding for the above referenced contract is appropriated in the FY 2016-17 Budget and was funded by County General funds; however, the contract limit was insufficient to cover the increased level of service. The Department is simply asking the Board to authorize an increase to the contract limits. No additional funding is being requested at this time; however, as explained in the Q1 Financial

Update, if bed utilization continues at Q1 levels, significant additional appropriation of funds and further contract expansion will be required.

Key Contract Risks:

There is risk that the number of contracted beds at Aurora Vista del Mar may increase beyond what the department has projected. In this case, the department will return to the Board of Supervisors to request an increase to the contract maximums where needed.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to:
admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

Attachment A: Aurora Vista Del Mar Amendment 1
Attachment B: Aurora Vista Del Mar BC 17-108

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