



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: June 23, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PH.D. Director
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services, 681-5220
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Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services, 681-5220

SUBJECT: ADMHS FY 14-15 Sterlin Mental Health Contract

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Nancy Sterlin, MFT (a local vendor) for the continued and additional provision of brief mental health therapy services through June 30, 2014, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$120,000, inclusive of \$100,000 under Purchase Order CN17203 with Nancy Sterlin but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN17203.
2. 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 Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) Department provides specialty mental health services and substance abuse services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and other individuals to the extent resources allow, in part through contracted services. The above listed contract will ensure continued provision of brief therapy mental health services during FY 14-15.

Background:

Nancy Sterlin (Sterlin) provides short-term, brief therapy designed to alleviate or resolve emerging and/or acute mental health issues. Sterlin is one of the few therapists in South County accepting Medi-Cal and CalWORKs clients and able to provide services in English and Spanish, depending on client preference. Approval of the recommended action will allow Sterlin to complete brief therapy for her existing clients referred by ADMHS. Sterlin’s provision of brief therapy services for FY 14-15 was greater than anticipated as several other brief therapy providers stopped accepting ADMHS clients, leading to reduced referral options.

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			
State	\$ 60,000.00		
Federal	\$ 60,000.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

The above referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. Execution of this contract will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. State audits for Medi-Cal funds for specialty mental health services typically occur five years after the end of the fiscal year being audited. To minimize the risk of future audit disallowances, ADMHS monitors the services delivered by Network Providers, including Sterlin.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

1. Sterlin FY 14-15 Contract
2. Sterlin CN17203