

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Phoenix of Santa Barbara FY 06/07 Contract.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute a contract with Phoenix of Santa Barbara (Phoenix), a local vendor, to continue providing psychiatric, rehabilitation and mental health services to mentally ill adults, for the period of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, in the amount of \$1,431,542.
2. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contracts, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Phoenix of Santa Barbara operates four distinctive programs in Santa Barbara: Phoenix House, Mountain House, Mainstream Outpatient Program, and Ada's Place.

The **Phoenix House** provides intensive transitional residential treatment to 28 unique clients per year, resulting in at least 10 clients moving to a lower and less costly level of care during the year. The participating clients will incur fewer than 15 jail days per year and have a combined total of 15 weeks per year of employment and volunteering. These are clients with serious mental illness that, without this type of treatment and housing, would frequently be incarcerated or hospitalized at significant cost to the community.

Mountain House is a state-licensed transitional residential program close to the Santa Barbara Mission. ADMHS contracts for 13 beds in this facility, or 4,745 treatment days. On the grounds of the facility is a Community Garden which is a joint project of Mountain House and our Mainstream Outpatient Program. This project is a work-adjustment program for clients who are interested in developing vocational and teamwork skills. The Mountain House program is less structured than Phoenix House, but has similar staffing. This means it can function as a step-down program from Phoenix House for clients on the path of recovery, or it can be a first referral point for clients discharging from inpatient units, who are significantly impaired by psychiatric symptoms. The maximum stay is 2 years. The program is committed to high quality care and is rehab oriented, encouraging clients to develop the skills to be more self-sufficient.

The **Outpatient Mainstream Program** serves approximately 50 unique clients per year who reside in Board and Care and Room and Board living environments. The program provides flexible around the clock short term or long term case management services as needed. The types of services provided are determined by the client's comprehensive service plan. Twelve clients per year will move to a lower level of care while the hospitalization rate will be no higher than ten (10) hospital days per year, per client. Clients will be jailed no more than five (5) days per year for all clients. Clients will be employed or volunteer more than twelve (12) weeks per year per client.

The **Ada's Place** program provides sub-intensive transitional residential treatment to 18 unique clients per year, resulting in at least 5 clients moving to a lower and less costly level of care. The participating clients will incur fewer than 5 jail days per year and have a combined total of 120 weeks per year of employment. These are clients that, without this type of treatment and housing, would be incarcerated or hospitalized at a much higher rate.

For FY 06/07, due to increased service requirements, an increased client population and expanded programs (detailed above) it was agreed to increase the Phoenix contract to \$1,431,542 resulting in their contract exceeding the 10% variance allowed to the Board of Supervisors approved ongoing contracts list. Therefore ADMHS requests the Board approve and execute the Phoenix contract renewal with variance exceeding 10% of the amount approved in the ongoing contract list.

Performance Measures:

Phoenix's contract will assist ADMHS in meeting **Recurring Performance Measure (RPM) 215**, to provide effective mental health services to 4200 seriously mentally ill adults. Additionally Phoenix's contract will assist ADMHS in providing cost effective services to mentally ill individuals and help mentally ill individuals live quality lives in the community and decrease the annual number of hospital bed days from an estimated 950 to 900, **Recurring Performance Measure (RPM) 200**.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The recommended actions have no impact on the General Fund Contribution. The Phoenix contract is funded by Medi-Cal and Realignment. These funding sources are identified in the Adopted FY 2006-07,

Budget, Federal and State Funding, Medi-Cal, line items 5404, Realignment line item 4102, in the County Budget Book, Adult Services Division, page D-148.

These actions will not result in a need for any additional facilities

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of each contract and endorsed minute order to:

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