



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 16, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director  
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services 681-5220  
Contact Info: Michael Craft, MFT, Assistant Director, Clinical Operations  
Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services 681-5220

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 15-16 ADMHS Behavioral Health Contracts

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**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:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Child Abuse Listening and Mediation, Inc.** (a local vendor), for the provision of children's mental health services and counseling for substance use disorder clients, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$3,024,765** for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for services of Independent Contractor with **Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center** (a local vendor), for the provision of children's mental health services, and substance use disorder services for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$899,814** for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 20 2016.
- 3) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) Department provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Approval of the recommended actions will allow ADMHS to continue to provide mandated mental health, substance use, and ancillary services.

**Background:**

The contracts being considered for approval combine mental health and Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) services provided by a single CBO under one Behavioral Health contract. Services include mental health services to children and adults, substance use disorder treatment, and prevention services.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>ADP Services</b>	<b>Mental Health Services</b>
Child Abuse Listening and Mediation	CALM provides assessment, evaluation, and group therapy to children of clients receiving substance use disorder treatment at the Good Samaritan Shelter Transitional Living Center programs. CALM serves approximately 50 children per year, and their families.	CALM provides mental health services to children and families countywide. As part of the SPIRIT Program, CALM provides Child and Family Specialists to work in collaboration with ADMHS staff on three regional Wraparound Teams which serve children at greatest risk of out of home placement. CALM provides Intensive In-Home mental health services in the homes and community settings of approximately 23 children and their families to improve client and family functioning. CALM’s Therapeutic Foster Care program (HOPE) provides Intensive In-Home services to approximately 62 children in foster care. CALM also provides early childhood mental health services through Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Invention (PEI) and Medi-Cal funding to approximately 240 children aged birth to five years and their families. In addition, CALM provides short-term brief therapy to children and their families in an outpatient setting.

<p>Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family (SMVYF)</p>	<p>SMVYF offers a youth and family treatment program that includes outpatient individual and group counseling services, case management, family services, parenting activities, and drug testing, as well as early intervention and outreach services in Santa Maria. SMVYF will provide treatment and prevention services to approximately 215 clients in FY 15-16.</p>	<p>SMVYF provides mental health services to children with SED and their families in Santa Maria. SMVYF provides Intensive In-Home services to approximately 20 children and their families in their homes and community settings to improve client and family functioning. HOPE provides Intensive In-Home services to approximately 30 children in foster care. SMVYF also provides short term brief therapy to children and their families in an outpatient setting.</p>
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As approved by your Board on June 6, 2015, the Director of ADMHS is authorized to execute amendments to the Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum within FY 15-16 Behavioral Health contracts, to make changes to the County Maximum Allowable Rate for services delivered by the Behavioral Health providers, as published in part by the State Department of Health Care Services and also set by ADMHS, without returning to the Board with a separate amendment, so long as the total Contract maximum remains unchanged.

**Performance Measure:**

Specific, measurable targets for performance were developed by ADMHS and Contractors based on historical performance data, and are included as Attachment E to the contracts. ADMHS will continue to work with providers in FY 15-16 to evaluate achievement of these performance measures, and to develop specific, measureable targets for those programs without historical performance data. In addition, ADMHS will continue to work with providers to develop meaningful performances targets for all programs in FY 15-16 as part of the ongoing ADMHS system redesign.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

General Fund					
State	\$	1,962,289.50			
Federal	\$	1,962,289.50			
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$	3,924,579.00	\$	-	\$ -

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**Narrative:**

The above referenced contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget. Execution of these contracts will not increase the use of general fund dollars by ADMHS.

**Key Contract Risks:**

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. The dollars ADMHS collects from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

(CMS) via the State for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries are subject to a complex and lengthy cost settlement process. ADMHS is required to submit an annual cost report which reports all costs associated with providing mental health services for a given Fiscal Year (actual cost). The actual cost is one component that the State reviews when it performs its “cost settlement” process. In this process, the State settles to the lower of actual cost or Published Charges, which are the fees charged to the general public (as adopted by the contractor’s Board of Directors). The cost settlement process results in a preliminary settlement, which typically takes place two years after the close of a Fiscal Year; however, the settlement process is not complete until the State completes the final audit. 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 address these risks and to minimize settlement amounts with contract providers, ADMHS calculates rates for Medi-Cal services provided by organizational providers on a quarterly basis. Regular reports to contractors on unclaimed and denied units allow providers to correct errors and maximize Medi-Cal penetration rates. Even with these measures, there is the risk that the State will disallow units of service or determine costs to be non-allowable, resulting in repayment. ADMHS contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

**Special Instructions:**

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

**Attachments:**

1. CALM FY 15-16 BC
2. SMVYF FY 15-16 BC