

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 5/25/06
Department Name: Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health
Department No.: 043
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

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SUBJECT: CompHealth Contract Amendment

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute Amendment No.1 to the Locum Tenens physician services agreement with CompHealth (not a local vendor) in the amount of \$350,000 to continue providing Locum Tenens physician services to mental health clinics in the North County. The contract term is from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006 (two year contract) for a total contract amount of \$690,000.
2. 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.

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:

CompHealth is a private company specializing in providing temporary (Locum Tenens) physician coverage to health care agencies around the country. CompHealth provides credentialed and insured physicians who are willing to work on a temporary basis in the underserved areas of Santa Barbara County.

To date, the two-year contract with CompHealth has furnished 17 Locum Tenens physicians providing medical services to more than 1,200 clients for over 145,000 minutes, which will bill approximately \$570,000 to State Medi-Cal. Given current usage rates, these services are projected to bill approximately \$680,000 to state Medi-Cal by the end of FY 2006.

Within Santa Barbara County, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, and Lompoc have been designated as “rural and underserved areas,” thereby qualifying for “J-1” designation. This status creates an opportunity to increase the number of available psychiatrists within the county. ADMHS plans to actively recruit valuable candidates from this pool. It is anticipated this new opportunity will reduce the projected need for Locum Tenens utilization by more than 50% over the next fiscal year.

In the interim, while mental health physician recruitment remains difficult, it is important to utilize Locum Tenens physicians as a temporary measure while the Director and the County Human Resources Department continue to develop strategies to recruit physicians who will make a long-term commitment to provide service in rural Santa Barbara County.

Approval of this contract amendment allows for continued physician care to Santa Barbara County’s seriously mentally ill residents.

Outcomes:

The **CompHealth** contract helps ADMHS meet **Recurring Performance Measure 0215**, to provide effective mental health care to 4,200 seriously mentally ill adults.

Mandates and Service Levels:

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The **CompHealth** contract is funded by Medi-Cal and realignment revenue. These funding sources are identified in the Adopted FY 2005-06 Budget, Federal and State Funding, Medi-Cal Revenue Line Item 5404 and Realignment Revenue Line Item 4102 (page D-150 in the County Budget Book, Adult Services Division). The proposed expenditures are included in the current budget for Other Patient Services, Expenditure Line Item Account 7469. Execution of this amendment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

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

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of the contract amendment and endorsed minute order to:
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
ATTN: Jack Juntunen, Contracts Analyst
300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 3
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Management