Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: 6/10/14

To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Dr. Takashi Wada, Interim Director
             Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS)

Subject: ADMHS Contract Amendment FY 13-14 - TriWest Group, LLC
             Agenda - June 17, 2014

Recommended Board Action:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with TriWest Group, LLC/ZiaPartners, Inc. (not a local vendor) to increase the amount of the Agreement by $189,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed $318,190 through June 30, 2014.

Reason item cannot be placed on future Agenda:

The Systems Change Steering Committee, Change Agents, and other stakeholders, have embarked on an effort to lay the crucial foundation for meaningful and sustainable change at ADMHS. The system change and implementation of the recommendations actions from the May 2013 Health Management Associates and TriWest Reports is of vital importance to the ongoing enhancement of the ADMHS.

TriWest's collective assessment of the ADMHS system of care and business practices required more in depth evaluation and assistance than originally anticipated. These additional services lead to protracted negotiations and resulted in the need to amend the contract at this point, prior to the end of the Fiscal Year, to accurately reflect the actual delivery of service as reported to the Board during the April 22, 2014 Systems Change Update.

Approval of the recommended action will allow TriWest to receive reimbursement for hours of consulting services provided in excess of the original FY 13-14 contract, and continue to assist the County to make immediate and vital comprehensive system changes in a timely manner; needed to support a universally integrated, recovery oriented system, capable of addressing the complex mental health population needs in the County with limited resources.

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Signature of Requestor/Title   **Signature of Supervisor or**
                                               County Executive Officer