



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: May 17, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 16-17

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.** (not a local vendor), an Institution for Mental Disease and a Skilled Nursing Facility, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$280,000 for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, including inpatient mental health treatment services. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mental health services mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. Contracting with Vista Pacifica Enterprises (VPE) fills a need for ongoing residential services.

Background:

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) are facilities including hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these highly structured residential treatment services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these services in California and none in Santa Barbara County. Therefore, Behavioral Wellness is currently responsible for approximately 110 clients residing in IMD-level placements outside of Santa Barbara County. In order to ensure that care is optimized, and lengths of stay do not exceed the medical necessity for the placement, clients in IMDs are monitored by Behavioral Wellness through attendance at formal case conferences, telephone case conferences, site visits, review of progress notes and reports from the facilities.

VPE has two California facilities: Vista Pacifica Center located in Jurupa Valley and Vista Pacifica Convalescent in Riverside. Vista Pacifica Center specializes in geropsychology and offers four levels of service for residents that require high levels of supervision such as those whose behavioral and medical needs include: being absent without leave, extremely verbally aggressive or threatening and abusive towards staff and peers. They also include behaviors such as being suicidal, destroying property, and having severe psychosis which requires frequent redirection, counseling, and behavior modification from staff. Vista Pacifica Convalescent specializes in Alzheimer’s Care and offers three levels of care: Level A focuses on residents with chronic mental health diagnosis, with active delusions and hallucinations and/or mood swings. Level B focuses on residents with dual diagnoses of Dementia and chronic mental illness with active psychosis. Level C focuses on residents with chronic mental health illness who are not stable on medications.

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	\$280,000		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 280,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State funds. The funding source is included in the FY 2016-2017 Proposed Budget. Execution of this contract may increase the use of general fund dollars by Behavioral Wellness if actual utilization is higher than budgeted. Behavioral Wellness will return to the Board should the actual utilization of IMD beds exceed the availability of State funding.

Key Contract Risks:

There is a risk that the number of contracted IMD and IMD-alternative beds may increase beyond what the department has projected. In that case, the department would return to the Board of Supervisors to request increases to the contract maximums where needed.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 16-17

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