

## **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: 9/23/08

Placement: Administrative

**Estimated Tme:** 

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: **Majority** 

TO: **Board of Supervisors** 

FROM: Department Ann Detrick, Ph.D., Director

> Director(s) Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services 805-681-5220 Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, R.N., Deputy Director Administration

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SUBJECT: **Contractor on Payroll Agreements** 

**County Counsel Concurrence** 

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations regarding Contractors on Payroll for psychiatric services as follows:

- 1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Edward Benson, MD to provide psychiatric services as a Contractor on Payroll for the period of October 6, 2008 to June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$70,400.
- 2. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Nubia Swain, MD to provide psychiatric services as a Contractor on Payroll for the period of October 6, 2008 to June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$35,200.
- 3. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contracts, provided any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

**Summary Text:** The Santa Maria Adult Outpatient Clinic provides mental health services to adults with serious mental illness, including individual, group and medication therapies, evaluation and treatment. Dr. Edward Benson and Dr. Nubia Swain will provide assessments, medication management, collateral services, and other psychiatric services to clients at the Santa Maria Adult Outpatient Clinic. Dr. Benson will work 16 hours per week at the Clinic and provide face-to-face services for up to 14 clients per 8 hour day. Dr. Swain will provide services 8 hours per week and provide face-to-face services for up to 14 clients per 8 hour day. These contracts comply with the County of Santa Barbara Contractor on Payroll Policy.

#### **Background:**

The Santa Maria Adult Outpatient Clinic is part of the Adult Mental Health Services Division, which provides intensive mental health recovery model treatment and case management services to enhance client quality of life. The Santa Maria Adult Outpatient Clinic provides access to treatment, rehabilitation, and support services for adults with serious mental illness. The Clinic carries out a pivotal role in the provision of core services, including psychiatric services, for persons in the Santa Maria area who rely on ADMHS for mental health care.

Dr. Benson and Dr. Swain will provide psychiatric services at the Santa Maria Adult Outpatient Clinic. These services will include:

- development, review, revision, and approval of client assessments, evaluations and treatment plans;
- prescription and administration of psychiatric medications, as needed;
- assistance to clients with symptom management and development of personal coping skills;
- medication education for clients and families; and
- training, education and support to ADMHS staff and multi-disciplinary team members.

ADMHS has experienced continuing difficulty recruiting and retaining certain key staff, particularly, psychiatrists, to the area. In previous years, Contractors on Payroll have successfully bridged the gap and helped ADMHS provide needed mental health treatment capacity. Approval of the recommended action will help ensure that adults with serious mental illness in Santa Barbara County continue to receive expert care.

#### **Performance Measure:**

Approval of the recommended action will help ADMHS meet Recurring Performance Measure 0230 to provide effective mental health care for 5,200 adults with serious mental illness.

In addition, approval of the recommended action will help ADMHS meet Recurring Performance Measure 0227, to ensure adequate coverage of service availability, increase the average monthly number of clients seen by psychiatrists by 10%, from 1700 to 1875.

Staffing the ADMHS clinics contributes to the following outcomes:

- Avoiding involuntary interventions such as hospitalization or incarceration, whenever possible.
- Shifting expenditures from highly restrictive and expensive institutions (e.g. hospital, jail) to community-based care, whenever possible.

### Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

#### Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:		Annualized On-going Cost:		_	otal One-Time Project Cost
General Fund						
State	\$	68,640.00	\$	91,000.00		
Federal	\$	36,960.00	\$	49,000.00		
Fees						
Other:						
Total	\$	105,600.00	\$	140,000.00	\$	-

#### Narrative:

The contracts for Dr. Swain and Dr. Benson are funded by Realignment and Medi-Cal revenue, identified in the Adopted FY 2008-09 Budget, Federal and State Revenues (page D-160 in the FY 2008-09 County Budget Book, in the Adult Mental Health Services Division). Execution of these contracts will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

#### **Special Instructions:**

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

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

**ATTN: Contracts** 

300 N. San Antonio Road Bldg. 3

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

#### **Attachments:**

Complete FY 08-09 Contracts for the following are available at the Clerk of the Board office:

08-09 Benson COP Contract 08-09 Swain COP Contract

### **Authored by:**

D. Spahn cc: