



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: 7-1-14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Interim Director
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, 681-5220
Contact Info: Michael Evans, CFO/Assistant Director of Finance, 681-5220
SUBJECT: ADMHS FY 14-15 Contracts – Adult Mental Health CBOs

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 **Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County (dba Mental Wellness Center)** (a local vendor), for the provision of adult mental health services, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$656,388** through June 30, 2015.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **PathPoint** (a local vendor), for the provision of adult mental health services, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$1,140,848** through June 30, 2015.
- 3) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Telecare Corporation** (a local vendor), for the provision of adult mental health services, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$2,829,055** through June 30, 2015.
- 4) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Transitions Mental Health Association** (a local vendor), for the provision of adult mental health services, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$2,684,598** through June 30, 2015.
- 5) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially

significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the 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. These contracts for adult mental health services are being included as part of one board letter to allow the Board of Supervisors and the public to get a complete picture of all of the major (over \$100,000) ADMHS CBOs providing adult mental health services.

Background:

ADMHS provides specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and other individuals to the extent resources allow, in part through contracted services. Approval of the recommended actions will provide for various specialty mental health services to adults with serious mental illness, including mental health services such as therapy and rehabilitation services.

| Contractor | Summary |
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| Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County (dba Mental Wellness Center) (MWC) | MWC provides residential and community mental health services to adults in the Santa Barbara area. MWC's Family Advocate offers services to 150 families of clients with serious mental illness through education, support and linkage to resources. The Casa Juana Maria program is an Adult Residential Facility providing in-home rehabilitation and support services to six residents. MWC also operates the Santa Barbara Consumer-Led Program that offers peer-support, self-help and connections to community resources, including health and wellness activities, as well as a Computer Lab for clients to have access to computers and learn related skills. The Consumer-Led Program serves approximately 100 participants monthly. |
| PathPoint | PathPoint provides mental health case management services to an average caseload of approximately 39 residents of the El Carrillo, Artisan Court, and Bradley Studios apartments, located in Santa Barbara. PathPoint's Supported Housing program provides treatment, rehabilitative and supportive services to 130 clients with serious mental illness and helps individuals obtain and keep community housing in independent living arrangements. |
| Telecare Corporation (Telecare) | Telecare provides an array of mental health services to adults in the Santa Maria area. The Santa Maria Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program is an evidence-based psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and support service for 100 clients with serious mental illness who demonstrate the need for this most intensive level of nonresidential community service. Telecare also provides twenty-four hour, structured mental health rehabilitation services, residential care and room and board to 10 adults at McMillan Ranch. In addition, Telecare operates the 12-bed Santa Maria |

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| | CARES North Residential program, providing short-term crisis residential services to individuals experiencing mental health crisis who would otherwise require inpatient services. |
| Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) | TMHA provides an array of mental health services to adults in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas. The Lompoc Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program is an evidence-based psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and support service for clients with serious mental illness who demonstrate the need for this most intensive level of nonresidential community service. The Lompoc ACT program is intended to serve 100 adult and transitional age youth (aged 16-25) clients in the Lompoc area. Partners in Hope provides outreach, linkage to care and recovery-oriented activities to approximately 100 family members of adults and older adults with serious mental illness in Santa Maria and Lompoc. The Supported Housing North program provides treatment, rehabilitative and supportive services to clients “in vivo” in regular community settings (e.g., home, apartment, job site) to 130 adult clients in the Santa Maria area. The Consumer-Led program, described under MHA, provides services to approximately 75 unduplicated participants per month in Santa Maria and 60 unduplicated participants per month in Lompoc. New for FY 14-15, the Vocational Rehabilitation program provides up to 81 hours of support to clients while employed. |

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.

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> |
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| General Fund | | | |
| State | \$ 3,655,444.50 | | |
| Federal | \$ 3,655,444.50 | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 7,310,889.00 | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative:

The above referenced contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. Execution of these contracts will not increase the use of general fund dollars by ADMHS.

Special Instructions:

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

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services

Attn: Contracts

300 North San Antonio Road, Bldg 3

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

1. Mental Health Association dba Mental Wellness Center Contract
2. PathPoint Contract
3. Telecare Contract
4. Transitions Mental Health Association Contract