



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:** April 21, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director  
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services, 681-5220  
Contact Info: Suzanne Grimesey, Chief Strategy Officer, 681-5220  
**SUBJECT:** ADMHS FY 14-15 Contract Amendment – Adult Residential Facility Contract

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve and authorize the chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contract with **Mental Health Association doing business as (dba) Mental Wellness Center** (a local vendor) to increase the contract by **\$122,463** for a new Adult Residential Facility, Alameda House and a total contract amount not to exceed **\$778,851** through June 30, 2015.
- 2) Approve a Budget Revision Request (BRR# 0003886) increasing appropriations of \$122,463 into ADMHS Mental Health Fund for Services & Supplies FY 2014-15 funded by an operating transfer from the County General Fund Contingency.
- 3) 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.

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**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**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. Approval of the recommended actions will allow ADMHS to address the need for increased transitional short-term residential treatment services to individuals who have been found incompetent to stand trial (IST) for misdemeanor offences.

**Background:**

In FY 08-09, ADMHS reduced its contracts with local Board and Care providers in order to obtain a balanced budget. This resulted in reduced options for clients in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) to return to the community in step-down levels of care. Since FY 08-09, ADMHS has seen a dramatic increase in clients requiring IMD placements.

In order to holistically address the lack of step-down IMD options in the community, ADMHS is requesting funds to contract with Mental Wellness Center who is in the process of opening two 6-bed Adult Residential Facilities, Alameda House and Calaveras House. Calaveras House is anticipated to open on July 1, and will be included in the Mental Wellness Center's FY 15-16 contract renewal. Alameda House is anticipated to open on June 1.

These facilities will be able to accept clients discharging from PHF who may have otherwise been kept in the facility on Administrative Status while awaiting other placement. Alameda House residents will not require acute inpatient services, but they will need 24/7 support to live in a community setting. The facility could also accept Penal Code 1370.01 (Incompetent to Stand Trial) clients who no longer require inpatient treatment and are eligible for an outpatient commitment.

Program goals for Alameda House include restoring client competency for trial, maintaining individuals a lower level of care when acute inpatient services are not required, connecting clients to social and community resources, assisting clients in developing independent living skills and providing 24/7 in-person supports.

Approval of contingency funding to support this new step-down facility is anticipated to decrease the number of clients placed at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) on administrative status while awaiting availability of a transitional placement. This should reduce IMD costs for ADMHS.

This request expands the existing contract. Staff is currently working with system providers to appropriately assess current performance and to determine future performance objectives for all FY2015-2016 contracts.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Current FY Cost:</b>	<b>Annualized On-going Cost:</b>	<b>Total One-Time Project Cost</b>
General Fund			\$ 122,463.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>		\$ -	\$ 122,463.00

**Narrative:** The \$122,463 expansion of the MWC contract to fund a new IMD step-down Adult Residential Facility are expected to exceed the budgeted amounts in ADMHS Mental Health Fund associated with inpatient discharge beds will be funded by County General Funds allocated to ADMHS from the Contingency account.

**Key Contract Risks:**

There is a risk that the start-up of Alameda House may take longer than anticipated.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) minute order to [admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)

**Attachments:**

1. Mental Wellness Center – 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment
2. Mental Wellness Center Agreement
3. BRR # 0003886

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