



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: ADMHS  
Department No.: 043  
For Agenda Of: 3-18-14  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Interim Director  
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, 681-5220  
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director/ Assistant Director, 681-5220  
**SUBJECT: FY 13-14 Aurora Vista Contract Amendment**

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**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 a fifth amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Aurora Vista del Mar Hospital (not a local vendor) for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization services, to increase the contract amount by \$950,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 through June 30, 2014.
- 2) 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 specialty mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents, including acute inpatient psychiatric services through a contract with Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital (Aurora Vista). Aurora Vista, located in Ventura, provides acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services to adults with severe mental illness who cannot be safely treated at a less intensive level of care. Aurora Vista is on track to provide a greater number of services

than contemplated in the original FY 13-14 contract, and will incur expenses beyond the value of the existing agreement.

**Background:**

Aurora Vista is the primary acute psychiatric inpatient hospital providing services to county clients in need of hospitalization when Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is at capacity. ADMHS staff make every effort to avoid costly hospitalization and place individuals in the least restrictive environments that can provide treatment appropriate to the clients' needs. Individuals are admitted involuntarily if they are determined to be a danger to themselves or others or gravely disabled pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §5150, and meet medical necessity criteria, as defined in the California Code of Regulations Title 9 §1820.205. Aurora Vista provides psychiatric inpatient hospital services such as psychiatric assessment, medication management, individual and group psychotherapy, and intensive one to one supervision, as appropriate.

In FY 12-13, ADMHS implemented a policy to move individuals in need of psychiatric hospitalization more quickly out of emergency rooms and into acute hospital beds. Since then, ADMHS has seen an increase in usage at Aurora Vista, from an average of 5.4 beds per day in FY 12-13, to an average of 9 beds per day in FY 13-14. Approval of the recommended action will allow ADMHS to reimburse Aurora Vista for 3,285 bed days, an average of 9 beds per day.

**Key Contract Risks:**

There is risk that the number of contracted inpatient beds may increase beyond what the department has projected. In that case, the department would return to the Board of Supervisors to request an additional request to the contract maximum.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**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	\$ 950,000.00		
State			
Federal	\$ -		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 950,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:**

The above referenced contract amendment is funded by State and County General funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget, but may not be sufficient to cover the increased costs. Execution of this amendment may increase the use of general fund dollars by ADMHS. ADMHS will return to the Board of Supervisors in May 2014 with a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial update and a budget adjustment request, if necessary, to request additional funding.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) complete copy of the amendment 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:**

Aurora Vista contract amendment

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