



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: June 23, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services 681-5220
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Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services 681-5220

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 15-16 ADMHS Children's Mental Health Contract Renewals

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 an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Casa Pacifica** (a local vendor), for the provision of substance use disorder and shelter services, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$3,839,081** for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Community Action Commission** (a local vendor), for the provision of children's mental health services, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$1,258,508** for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- 3) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (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.

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 children and youth with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families, including mental health services such as therapy and rehabilitation services.

Contractor	Summary
Casa Pacifica	Casa Pacifica provides mental health services primarily to Medi-Cal eligible children with SED Countywide. Casa Pacifica provides outpatient mental health services for children at Casa Pacifica’s shelter and residential programs, as needed, for clients placed by County Probation or Department of Social Services. The Wraparound Program serves an average capacity of 25 clients who are at-risk of being moved out of the community into institutional care in addition to helping kids return to the community. Casa Pacifica is also the County’s provider of Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), which is a mandated Medi-Cal service designed to serve an average capacity of 60 children with SED and/or those with intensive service needs to avoid placement in a higher level of care such as a residential treatment facility or to help children make a successful move to a lower level of care such as returning home after residential treatment. Casa Pacifica’s SAFTY program is a mobile crisis response program for children, youth, and their families throughout Santa Barbara County, and is anticipated to serve 555 clients in FY 15-16.
Community Action Commission (CAC)	CAC provides mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible children with SED Countywide. CAC provides Rehabilitation Specialists located at the three regional Children’s clinics, to provide highly flexible, intensive and individualized behavioral interventions designed to assist a caseload of up to 126 youth to develop interpersonal and social skills, manage negative behaviors and succeed in their home, school and community. In addition, this contract provides Medi-Cal funding for specialty mental health services for approximately 100 children up to age five through the Head Start programs located in Lompoc, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara.

Performance Measure:

Specific, measureable targets for performance were developed by ADMHS and Contractors based on historical performance data, and are included as Attachment E to the contracts. ADMHS will continue

to work with providers in FY 15-16 to evaluate achievement of these performance measures, and to develop specific, measureable targets for those programs without historical performance data. In addition, ADMHS will continue to work with providers to develop meaningful performance targets for all programs in FY 15-16 as part of the ongoing ADMHS system redesign.

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	\$ 2,548,794.50		
Federal	\$ 2,496,313.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 5,045,107.50	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

The above referenced contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

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.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

1. Casa Pacifica FY 15-16 BC
2. CAC FY 15-16 BC