

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

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SUBJECT: CompHealth Contract Amendment

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute a contract amendment (amending a purchase order) in the amount of \$300,000, with CompHealth, not a local vendor, to continue providing Locum Tenens physician services to mental health clinics in the North County. The new contract term is from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006, with a new total contract amount of \$340,000.
2. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

CompHealth is a Utah-based company specializing in providing temporary (Locum Tenens) physician coverage to health care agencies around the country. CompHealth provides credentialed and insured physicians who are willing to work on a temporary basis in the underserved areas of Santa Barbara County. ADMHS pays for both the doctor's hourly rate and for the doctor's living accommodations.

It has been difficult to fill physician vacancies in the North County. Relatively low pay, high cost of housing or long commutes, and the promise of higher pay elsewhere have left mandated positions in need of

temporary physician services. The Locum Tenens doctors deployed through March of FY2004-05, while expensive, have provided, more than 65,025, minutes of billable services totaling over \$242,500.

More than 30 medical doctors' applications and resumes have been screened over the past 9 months to secure physicians on a more permanent basis. These recruiting efforts have been successful and it is believed Locum Tenens usage will significantly decrease in FY 2005-06.

This contract amendment extends the term of the previous purchase order agreement and creates a contract term of 7/1/04, through 6/30/06. The \$340,000, amended contract amount includes the FY2004-05, anticipated physician costs of \$239,000 (including a FY2004-05 purchase order of \$40,000) and will extend the existing contract by \$101,000, for the FY2005-06 term.

Your Board is now requested to approve the amendment to the CompHealth contract. Approval of this contract allows for continued physician care to the North County's seriously mentally ill residents.

Outcomes:

The **CompHealth** contract helps ADMHS meet **Recurring Performance Measure 0215**, to provide effective mental health care to 4,200 seriously mentally ill adults.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The **CompHealth** contract is funded by Medi-Cal and realignment funds. These funding sources are identified in the Adopted FY 2004-05, Budget, line items 5404, Medi-Cal; and 4102, realignment funds in the Adult Services Division, page D-146.

These actions will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

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

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
ATTN: Dana Fahey, Contracts Analyst
300 N. San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
Risk Management