

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Aurora Vista del Mar Hospital Contract Amendment

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute a contract amendment in the amount of \$300,000, with Aurora Vista del Mar Hospital (Vista del Mar), not a local vendor, to continue providing acute hospital services to seriously mentally ill adults. The contract term is from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, and the new total contract amount will be \$600,000.
2. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contracts, 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:

Aurora Vista Del Mar provides adult acute Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries exhibiting severe mental illness (SMI). These services include routine hospital services and all hospital-based ancillary services. Intensive Psychiatric Inpatient Day Services are hospital services and hospital-based ancillary services provided to clients requiring one-to-one intensive supervision. Intensive one-to-one staffing may be ordered by an attending physician should the client meet the threshold of medical necessity.

Aurora Vista Del Mar is the primary acute inpatient hospital providing services to south county clients in need of hospitalization when the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is at capacity. North County clients are referred to the San Luis Obispo County PHF. The nature and extent of the services provided by Vista del Mar has been studied and the quality of care found to be good. Vista del Mar is a fully licensed hospital designated as a "5150" facility. This designation allows for clients to be involuntarily admitted there for treatment.

This year ADMHS has again experienced an unanticipated increase in involuntary hospitalizations. Cottage Hospital has relinquished its "5150" designation and is no longer accepting involuntary clients. This, combined with scarce other local resources and a PHF that is nearly always at capacity, has resulted in significant growth in the number of individuals with acutely severe mental illness being placed with Vista Del Mar.

Your Board is now requested to approve the amendment of the Aurora Vista del Mar Hospital contract in the amount of \$300,000. Approval of this contract allows for continued acute care to the County's SMI residents.

Outcomes

The **Aurora Vista del Mar** contract helps ADMHS meet **Recurring Performance Measures 0215 and 0219**, to provide effective mental health care to 4,200 seriously mentally ill adults and provide 900 hospital bed days per month for individuals in acute crisis, respectively.

Mandates and Service Levels:

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Vista del Mar 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 each contract and endorsed minute order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
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Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
Risk Management