

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health
Department No.: 043
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

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SUBJECT: BHC Vista Del Mar Hospital, Inc's Request for Assignment of Contract

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, execute and sign the acceptance letter for the assignment of the current contract with BHC Vista del Mar Hospital, Inc. to the new buyer of the facility, Aurora Health Services. The new name of the facility will be Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital.
2. Approve and execute an amendment to add \$143,000 in funds to the existing contract with Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital, for the term January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The addition of these funds brings the contract total from \$230,000 to \$373,000.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

{Double-click here} The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

1. BHC Vista Del Mar Hospital, located in Ventura County, is a fully licensed hospital that has been designated as a "5150" facility. This designation allows for "involuntary admissions within a psychiatric facility for up to 72 hours". This facility provides services for adults and children. ADMHS has been utilizing this facility in order to accommodate adult clients when the County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is full, and for any clients under the age of eighteen (18) who require hospitalization, as BHC is the only "local" facility capable of providing this service for children.

At this time BHC Vista Del Mar Hospital, Inc., a Tennessee profit corporation has sold substantially all of its assets to Aurora Health Services, a California limited liability company. As a result of this transaction, the Hospital intends to transfer to the Buyer all of its rights under their current contract with ADMHS. BHC Vista Del Mar Hospital is now requesting that consent be given for the assignment of this contract by appending the Chair of the Board's signature on the attached letter. ADMHS is now asking your Board's approval to execute this letter to continue the level of services currently being provided.

2. ADMHS was recently notified that Anacapa Hospital, with whom ADMHS has contracted for inpatient services when our Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is at capacity, is closing their inpatient facilities. ADMHS is now anticipating increased usage of Aurora Vista Del Mar inpatient services. ADMHS is now asking that your Board approve additional funds of \$143,000 be added to the Aurora Vista Del Mar contract to cover these services. The total contract maximum is \$373,000.

Mandates and Service Levels:

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This contract has no facilities or fiscal impact on the General Fund. The additional funds have been identified in the adopted ADMHS FY 01-02 budget in cost center 4664, Adult – Hospital Placement, on page D-134. Contract funding comes from realignment revenues received from the State.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the fully executed second original signature page and one (1) copy of the Minute Order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
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Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Concurrence:

Auditor Controller
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