



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: September 22, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
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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SUBJECT: ADMHS Pharmacy Contract Amendment and Extension of Bid Waiver

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:

- A. Approve, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment for Services of Independent Contractor with Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy of Santa Barbara (a local vendor) to increase the contract amount by \$75,000 for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$275,000 for the continued provision of pharmaceuticals for ADMHS clients for an extended term through March 31, 2016; and
- B. Approve and authorize an extension of the waiver of competitive bidding approved May 12, 2015 for the procurement of pharmaceuticals from Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy (a local vendor), to authorize additional procurements not to exceed \$275,000 through March 31, 2016.
- C. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

ADMHS currently contracts with two pharmaceutical providers, Medicine Shoppe and Omnicare, under Board of Supervisor (BOS) approved bid waivers, to provide outpatient and inpatient medications for County clients through September 30, 2015. However, it is necessary to increase the contracted amounts

for Medicine Shoppe, extend the contract to March 2016, and extend the current bid waiver because of increased use of pharmaceutical services and a temporary delay of Pharmacy Request for Proposals (RFP). The Omnicare contract will go to the BOS on October 6, 2015 requesting the same recommendations for approval.

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, ADMHS is requesting that the Board extend the current waiver of a competitive bid process for the purchase of medications over \$25,000. Currently, ADMHS contracts for pharmacy supplies and services via vendors offering medications and supplies at the lowest possible rates: the current Medicaid rates when applicable and Average Wholesale Prices when Medicaid rates are not applicable.

The ADMHS Pharmacy RFP was scheduled to go out August 2015; however, the RFP has been rescheduled to October 2015 because the County Executive Office (CEO) and BOS directed Public Health Department (PHD) to conduct an internal review of potential county efficiencies from coordinating related pharmacy services in conjunction with other county Departments, including ADMHS.

The funds requested for this agreement are already budgeted for FY 15-16. Approval of the recommended actions will allow ADMHS to ensure continuation of lowest cost uninterrupted mandated pharmacy services and care to ADMHS outpatient and PHF clients, and will provide PHD with ample time to conduct the internal review for Pharmacy efficiencies and provide recommendations for ADMHS to incorporate into the upcoming RFP process.

Background:

ADMHS has, since 1998, contracted with pharmacy vendors to dispense medication for psychiatric stabilization and treatment of ADMHS outpatient and inpatient clients who do not qualify for Medi-Cal, have no insurance, have no other means of payment for medication, or have prescriptions that are not covered by any other payor sources, to ensure that clients have access to necessary care.

ADMHS has used Medicine Shoppe's services for over five years to provide ADMHS's outpatient clients with pharmaceutical services. ADMHS has established processes with Medicine Shoppe such as collection of waivers, where appropriate, for clients who qualify for the ADMHS Waiver Program, and prompt provision of needed medications to clients, ensuring acquisition of appropriate signatures by authorized ADMHS physicians, retroactively billing Medi-Cal where appropriate, and invoicing ADMHS monthly for all waived medications. ADMHS compensates contracted pharmacies for prescriptions not covered by insurance or Medi-Cal, which are typically newer medications prescriptions not yet available on insurance or Medi-Cal formularies. In the event clients receive Medi-Cal retroactively, the pharmacy reimburses ADMHS for the medication costs.

ADMHS contracts for pharmacy supplies and services via vendors offering medications and supplies at the lowest possible rates; the current Medicaid rates and Average Wholesale Prices when Medicaid rates are not applicable. Medicine Shoppe also provides no fees for delivery services, and agrees to re-bill Medi-Cal insurance and credit ADMHS for any eligible retroactive Medi-Cal client services. For those clients without ability to pay, ADMHS will use MHSA funds to pay. Once Medi-Cal retroactively covers the patient, the pharmacy will retroactively bill Medi-Cal and credit ADMHS. Medicine Shoppe is currently linked to ADMHS' e-prescribing software, allowing ADMHS to electronically send prescriptions for filling.

In addition, the pharmaceutical contracts will ensure ADMHS resources are utilized most effectively and efficiently. The costs are primarily attributed to:

- Increase in the number of prescriptions for indigent clients
- Higher prices and higher volume of non-formulary medications
- Pending Medi-Cal clients who are temporarily uninsured due to lengthy process delays with Department of Social Services resulting from the increased Medi-Cal applications which allows for services to be retroactively billed to Medi-Cal.

In anticipation of a formal Pharmacy RFP process for FY 15-16, the Medicine Shoppe contract was expected to end in September 2015. The contract amendments and the short term extensions of existing waivers of competitive bidding will allow ADMHS to provide necessary services without interruption until the Pharmacy RFP process and County efficiency review are completed.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ -
Federal	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other:		\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -

Narrative: The Pharmacy costs were budgeted and approved for FY 15-16 and the increases requested are covered from the Board’s approval of the ADMHS FY 15-16 Budget.

Key Contract Risks: There is a risk that the services provided by the above vendor falls short of Federal and State standards, resulting in audit findings. To address this risk, the contract includes provisions requiring the vendor to maintain compliance with Federal and State standards. In addition, the termination provisions of the contract allow the County to terminate the contract for cause.

Special Instructions:

Please return one scanned copy (1) Minute Order and a complete fully executed of the contracts to: dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Route one (1) certified copy of the Minute Order to Purchasing agent.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Medicine Shoppe Contract FY 14-16 First Amendment

Attachment B: Medicine Shoppe Contract FY 14-16*

<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2269952&GUID=00BF2CBE-0442-49F6-A3FF-093C214A9E88>

***Copies are also on file at the Clerk of the Board**

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