

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 1/8/03  
**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 3/25/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**STAFF CONTACT:** Carrie Topliffe, Assistant Director - Administration  
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**SUBJECT:** Cottage Hospital Contract FY 02/03

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute a contract for Acute Psychiatric In-patient services with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for a total amount of \$250,000, for the period January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003.
- B. Authorize the Director of Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (ADMHS) to approve amendments to the proposed contract, providing that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.
- C. Withdraw the designation of Cottage Hospital as a facility for the involuntary evaluation and treatment of mentally ill persons.

**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:**

In 1994 the State of California implemented the Medi-Cal Managed Care Mental Health Plan (MHP) which delegated to counties the responsibility to provide the Specialty Mental Health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This mandate requires the County to provide admission to in-patient psychiatric facilities for purposes of observation, diagnosis, and treatment. Cottage Hospital has agreed to provide voluntary in-patient psychiatric services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of Santa Barbara County.

The County Board of Supervisors is the administrative body that designates facilities approved for the involuntary evaluation and treatment of the mentally ill. In January 1999 your Board so designated Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. ADMHS is requesting the Board withdraw that designation as Cottage Hospital has notified ADMHS that they no longer have the resources to be able to admit and treat involuntary patients in Santa Barbara County.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600. No change in programs or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no impact to the General Fund, and no facilities impact.

The maximum value for this contract is \$ 250,000. As administrator of the Medi-Cal Managed Care MHP ADMHS is responsible to purchase and manage the mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the most cost effective and coordinated manner, by negotiating contracts with community providers. By developing effective strategies and operating programs at a lower cost ADMHS is able to reduce the County's financial risk. The funding for this contract is included in the Adopted Budget 2002/03, Budget Line Item 3665 – Intergovernmental Revenue – State, summarized on page D-136 as Federal and State Revenues. The expenditure is allocated in the Program 4664 – Adult Hospital Placement, summarized on Page D-136 as Adult Acute Care.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward the second fully executed original contract and signature page and one (1) copy of the minute order to:

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

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Risk Management