



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: 6-19-07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Douglas C. Barton, Interim Director
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services 681-5220
Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, Assistant Director Administration 681-5220

SUBJECT: Mental Health Services Act Contract FY 06-08

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and execute a contract with Mental Health Systems (not a local vendor) to provide services to children and youth who are seriously emotionally disturbed, for the period of June 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$1,125,425.
- b) 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.

Summary Text:

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) passed by California voters in November 2004 provides resources to support county mental health programs and monitor progress toward statewide goals for serving children, transition-age youth, adults, older adults and families with mental health needs. The Board of Supervisors approved Santa Barbara County's MHSA Plan on November 22, 2005 and State DMH approval followed on June 30, 2006. The requested action implements two of nine approved MHSA programs: New Heights and Connections: Each One, Reach One (Connections) which provide intensive community-based treatment, rehabilitation and support services to help mentally ill clients live independently in the community.

Background:

New Heights and Connections will be operated by Mental Health Systems, Inc. and will serve Transition Aged Youth (TAY) and children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED).

New Heights will be located in Lompoc and serve as a one-stop, drop-in center specifically for TAY (aged 16-25) with SED. The program will serve as a hub of support, services and social connection, available 24/7. New Heights will utilize a self-help, peer, staff support model and the drop-in model is intended to serve as a safety net for youth entering adulthood. New Heights will serve approximately 200 individuals per year.

Connections will use peer staff, family partner staff and mental health staff to provide culturally competent outreach and engagement for children with SED and families in their natural community settings. Connections staff will be located at existing local community schools, primary care clinics and other strategic or remote community program sites still to be determined. They will work to connect with families and children with emotional or behavioral problems with or without substance abuse. Support groups, advocacy, outreach and celebrations will draw community members to these services. Anticipated benefits include developing rapport and trust and promoting hope as well as linkage to appropriate alcohol, drug and/or mental health services. Connections will serve approximately 500 children with SED annually countywide.

Performance Measure:

DMH has developed mandated assessment forms for collecting the data that will address these broad outcomes for clients in the New Heights and Connections programs. Outcome measures are specified in the provider's contract, and include:

- Maintenance of stable and permanent housing and reduction in incidents of homelessness, hospitalization, incarceration and foster care placement. (Connections, New Heights)
- Increased skill and success in educational activities as measured by increased school attendance, attaining higher levels of education, improved GPA, and decreased school behavior problems such as suspensions or expulsions. (New Heights)
- Increased skill and success in vocational activities as measured by obtaining employment, hours worked per week, entering job training, salary, and hours spent volunteering in the community. (New Heights)
- Increased ability of clients to maintain their financial resources and sources of support. (New Heights)
- Decreased contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system as measured by fewer arrests and jail days, maintenance of probation status, out-of-home placement status of youth as well as the ability of adult clients to maintain the care and custody of their children. (New Heights, Connections)
- Decreased necessity for crisis services including emergency room visits for physical health, mental health and substance abuse problems. (New Heights, Connections programs)

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State - MHSA	\$ 80,711	\$ 322,842	
Federal - Medi-Cal	\$ 131,374	\$ 525,498	\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other: MHSA One Time	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000
Total	\$ 277,085	\$ 848,340	\$ 65,000

Narrative:

The contract with Mental Health Systems will be funded by a combination of MHSA revenues, including Community Services & Support (CSS) and One-Time and Medi-Cal (FFP) revenue. The revenue sources will be reflected in the Adjusted Budget of MHSA Fund 0048, (Special Revenue Fund set up subsequent to the Adopted Budget) Federal and State Revenues – State Revenue Other, line item 4339 and Other Charges for Services, line item 5404. The proposed expenditures are included in Professional and Special Services, Line Item Account 7460 in MHSA Division. Execution of this amendment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of contract, signature page and endorsed minute order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
 ATTN: Contracts
 300 N. San Antonio Road Bldg. 3
 Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

Attachment 1 (Agreement with Mental Health Systems FY 06-08)