



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: 5-12-09
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Ann Detrick, Ph.D., Director
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SUBJECT: 08-09 Inpatient Mental Health Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

Consider recommendations regarding amendments to contracts for adult mental health services as follows:

1. Approve and execute an amendment to the contract with Aurora Vista del Mar Hospital (not a local vendor) to continue providing acute hospital services to adults with severe mental illness in the amount of \$675,000 for a total contract maximum of \$1,275,000 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
2. 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: Aurora Vista del Mar (Aurora Vista) provides acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services to adults with severe mental illness (SMI). Aurora Vista provides observation and treatment for clients admitted involuntarily, because they are determined to be a danger to themselves or others or gravely disabled pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §5150, as well as to clients who meet medical necessity criteria, as defined in the California Code of Regulations Title 9 §1820.205. This contract amendment will provide reimbursement for anticipated services during FY 08-09.

Background:

Aurora Vista, located in Ventura, is the closest psychiatric inpatient hospital that can accommodate client referrals from Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services (ADMHS). Aurora Vista is the primary acute psychiatric inpatient hospital providing services to county clients in need of hospitalization when Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is at capacity. provides psychiatric inpatient hospital services such as psychiatric assessment, medication management, individual and group psychotherapy, and intensive one to one supervision, as appropriate. Acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services are provided to clients who cannot be safely treated at another level of care.

The need for acute inpatient psychiatric hospital services has varied historically with fluctuations in use of Aurora Vista beds over time. A short term trend showing a reduction in the use of Aurora Vista beds during FY 07-08 informed the FY 08-09 contract amount, approved by the Board in June 2008. Year to date utilization of the services offered by Aurora Vista indicate the need for acute inpatient beds is more consistent with long term trends and that an increase in the contract amount is necessary to reimburse Aurora Vista for the projected costs of these services. The long term trend of placement costs at Aurora Vista for Santa Barbara County residents is depicted in the table below:

Aurora Vista del Mar Placement Costs				
FY 04-05	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09 Est.
\$1,271,445	\$1,150,975	\$1,132,466	\$954,822	\$1,275,000

Approval of the recommended action will provide sufficient funding to cover the services ADMHS anticipates Aurora Vista will provide in FY 08-09.

Performance Measure: Approval of the recommended actions will assist ADMHS in meeting the following **Recurring Performance Measures:**

RPM 0230 to provide effective mental health care adults with serious mental illness.

In FY 07-08, there were 254 client admissions to Aurora Vista for a total of 1,469 hospital bed days. In FY 08-09, through March 2009, there have been 237 client admissions for a total of 1,566 hospital bed days.

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

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	\$ 675,000.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 675,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Funding for the Aurora Vista Del Mar contract is identified in the Adopted FY 2008-09 Budget, Federal and State Revenues (page D-168 in the County Budget, in the Hospital and Jail Services Division). The proposed expenditures are included in the FY 2008-09 budget for Professional and Special Services. The amendment is funded by savings in pharmaceutical and other contracts as well as miscellaneous items. Execution of this amendment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of amendment and minute order to:

Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services
ATTN: Contracts Office
300 North San Antonio Road, Bldg 3
Santa Barbara, CA 93100

Attachments:

Aurora Vista del Mar FY 08-09 Ninth Amendment

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