

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** 12/19/03  
**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 03/2/04  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James L. Broderick, Director  
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services (ADMHS)

**STAFF CONTACT:** Al Rodriguez, Manager, ADMHS - Alcohol and Drug Program  
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**SUBJECT:** Professional Service Contracts and Amendment for Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP)

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Execute a Negotiated Net Amount (NNA) treatment service agreement for Substance Abuse Treatment Court (SATC) and Substance Abuse Crime and Prevention Act (SACPA) with the following local vendors:
  1. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (Cottage Hospital) for the period July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 for a provisional amount of \$223,969; and
  2. Mental Health Systems, Inc. for the period January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004 for a provisional amount of \$180,826.
- B. Authorize the Director of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services to approve amendments to the proposed contracts, providing that any such amendments or modifications do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the original total contact value.
- C. Execute an amendment to the existing NNA service agreement with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, a local vendor, increasing the provisional funding by \$87,500 for a new total contract amount of \$685,400.

**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.

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## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Cottage Hospital provided Substance Abuse Treatment Court (SATC) services in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria from 1996 through the end of the last calendar year. In the latter part of FY 02-03, Cottage informed ADMHS of their intention to cease treatment services by December 31, 2003. Because of our interest in meeting the County's standard of having contracts in place prior to the delivery of service ADMHS issued, in a timely manner, a standard contract consistent with earlier agreements with Cottage Hospital. This agreement did not meet with Cottage Hospital's approval, and was not signed in time for the start of the new FY 03-04. After a lengthy contract negotiation process with Cottage Hospital, terms of the contract were finally agreed to and a contract has been prepared for an amount not to exceed \$223,969 for the period July 1, 2003 through December 31 2003.

In an informal departmental memo, dated November 4, 2003, ADMHS informed your Board that Mental Health Systems, Inc. (MHS) was selected to replace Cottage Hospital as the new county-wide provider for SATC services following a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) application and review process. An application review and interview panel process was established by recruiting county and community representatives including members of your Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Superior Court and the Probation Department.

The selection of Mental Health Systems, Inc. (MHS) was based on their background and expertise in substance abuse treatment services and included criteria such as:

- ✓ Start-up, service provisions, methods, outcomes, staff recruitment, training, and service evaluation
- ✓ Proposed cost and staffing
- ✓ Administrative management, reporting capabilities and organizational policies and procedures
- ✓ Prior investigation statement

MHS operates eleven "drug courts" in Southern California and the Central Valley and is widely regarded across the country for their expertise in providing treatment services to the drug offender population. They have committed to recruiting "local" employees and to fully participate in the "treatment team" culture established within Santa Barbara County. In addition to serving the adult drug court treatment provider, MHS will also provide treatment services for SACPA. Negotiations for start-up costs and treatment services have been very positive and we anticipate a productive contractual relationship with this new agency. The proposed funding for this contractor is for \$180,826.

The proposed amendment to the service agreement with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) will result in the conversion of a six slot non-residential detoxification program to a twelve bed (six male/six female) residential model for county residents. This residential non-medical detoxification program is the result of an exciting new partnership between CADA, the Casa Esperanza Shelter (formerly the Cacique Street Homeless Shelter) and ADMHS. The establishment of this service will provide South County residents with assistance as they contemplate their first steps towards recovery from substance use. The amendment proposes to increase the current agreement by \$87,500 to a new total of \$685,400.

Approval of this action will allow Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Mental Health Systems, Inc. and the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to be reimbursed for new services they will provide in FY 03-04,

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and will authorize the Director of Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services to approve future amendments to the proposed contract for Mental Health Systems within the parameters approved by your Board.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) allocates state and federal revenue to counties for the provision of substance abuse prevention and treatment services and provides reimbursement to counties for such services. In accepting state or federal funds earmarked for alcohol and drug program services, counties are obligated to comply with federal and state laws, regulations, and administrative policies specified as a condition of the receipt of funds.

Each of the contractors provides non-MediCal substance use treatment services consisting of individual, group counseling, and drug testing and related services. For MHS, the proposed funding will continue the availability of 87 unique treatment slots that were previously provided by Cottage Hospital. For CADA, the funding increase will result in the County creating twelve additional beds of residential detoxification services; increasing the number of detoxification beds funded by the department to a total of twenty-four (with twelve beds also funded through a contract with Good Samaritan Services in Santa Maria).

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The recommended action has no impact on the General Fund Contribution. The revenue which supports these treatment services has been appropriated in the adopted Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services' (ADMHS) budget for FY 03-04. The total provisional amount of the contracts and the amendment is \$1,090,195 in FY 03-04. Actual funding amounts for this year are contingent upon the final year-end cost report and funding beyond this fiscal year will be dependent on continued state funding. The proposed expenditures are included in the Adjusted Budget 2003/4, ADP – Treatment Services, on page D – 152.

This action will not result in a need for any additional county facilities.

### **Special Instructions:**

Please return a copy of each contract to:

Carolyn Sellers, Departmental Analyst - Programs  
ADMHS-Alcohol and Drug Program  
300 N. San Antonio Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

### **Concurrences:**

Auditor-Controller  
Risk Management

