



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: August 29, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Aurora Vista Del Mar FY 17-18, August – October 2017

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, ratify and authorize the chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital** (not a local vendor), for the provision of Acute Inpatient Services, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$1,519,700** from August 1, 2017 through October, 31 2017.
- B) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorders to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. Due to contract negotiations that extended beyond the June 30, 2016 date of Aurora Vista Del Mar's (AVDM) FY 16-17 contract, in July 2017, the

Board of Supervisors approved a one month extension of the contract to cover services for the month of July. At this time, Behavioral Wellness and AVDM still have not finalized negotiations. In order to continue with contract negotiations while also covering services for our current clients at AVDM, Behavioral Wellness has created a short-term contract from August 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. Approval of the current recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue contracting with AVDM until all terms have been agreed upon by both parties.

Background:

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD): The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of services, including inpatient treatment services to best meet the needs of individuals with severe mental illness. IMDs are facilities including hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California and none in Santa Barbara County. Behavioral Wellness examines the current caseload and historical use of IMD facilities in order to project the following year’s contract amounts within the Department’s budget constraints. Behavioral Wellness contracts with IMDs, such as Aurora Vista Del Mar, that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals. Acute Psychiatric Hospitals are used only for clients with emergency mental health needs meeting the criteria of Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5150, and bed rates are significantly higher due to the hospital license, compared with other types of IMDs, which are locked facilities used to treat ongoing psychiatric needs. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State.

Aurora Vista del Mar (AVDM): Acute Psychiatric Hospitals are used only for clients with emergency mental health needs who are determined to be a danger to themselves or others or gravely disabled pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §5150, or who meet medical necessity criteria, as defined in the California Code of Regulations Title 9 §1820.205. When the County’s 16-bed Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is full, Santa Barbara County clients are placed at other out-of-county Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, primarily AVDM. In FY 16-17, there was a daily average of twelve (12) Behavioral Wellness’s clients at AVDM. Currently, Behavioral Wellness has 16 clients placed at AVDM’s facility.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>		<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>		
General Fund					
State	\$	1,519,700.00			
Federal					
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$	1,519,700.00	\$	-	\$ -

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State Funds. The funding source is included in the FY 17-18 Adopted Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

There is risk that the community needs for contracted beds at Aurora Vista del Mar may increase beyond what the department has projected. In this case, the department will return to the Board of Supervisors to request an increase to the contract maximum if needed.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to:
qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Aurora Vista Del Mar FY 17-18

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