



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: ADMHS
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: 5-15-07
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 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, Assistant Director, Administration 681-5220

SUBJECT: American Medical Response MHAT Contract FY 06-09

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 American Medical Response (a local vendor) for the continued provision of Mental Health Assessment Team services for the three-year period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$2,243,615;
- b) Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contracts, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Summary Text: Since 1998, the County of Santa Barbara has contracted with American Medical Response (AMR) for the provision of Mental Health Assessment Team (MHAT) services. Through this agreement, paramedics with mental health training conduct mental health assessments for Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS). Cities within the County and the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority provide subsidy funding toward the cost of these services. The requested actions would continue the services provided to the County through June 30, 2009.

Background:

ADMHS and AMR have conducted extensive negotiations and have reached an agreement to continue MHAT services for the three-year period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. AMR will continue to provide crisis intervention services including mental health assessments and transportation services to local or out of county facilities for individuals experiencing psychiatric emergencies and/or needing hospitalization pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 5150. AMR will staff mobile MHAT units to

provide coverage countywide and will also provide MHAT services to the South County jail. ADMHS will augment these services by making staff available to provide mental health assessments at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Marian Medical Center and Lompoc Hospital during specified hours for the term of the contract.

The MHAT services benefit the county and other local agencies by reducing the time emergency services departments – primarily law enforcement – spend dealing with the crisis intervention and hospitalization of people experiencing psychiatric emergency.

Performance Measure:

In FY 05-06, AMR had 1,832 MHAT contacts countywide, with 52% in South County and 48% in North County. Of those contacts, 655 (36%) resulted in client transports to hospitals, including 211 to the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The contract will be funded through a combination of revenue from the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority, city subsidies from Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Solvang, Medi-Cal revenue and General Fund contribution. These funding sources are identified in the Adopted FY 2006-07 Budget, Other Charges for Services – Medi-Cal line item 5404, Intra governmental Revenues – Other Governmental Agencies line item 4840, Other Financing Sources - General Fund Contribution line item 5913 (page D-148 in the County Budget Book, in the Adult Services Division). The proposed expenditures are included in the FY2006-07 budget for Professional and Special Services, Expenditure Line Item Account 7460. Execution of this amendment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

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	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	
State			
Federal- Medi-Cal Fees	\$ 226,988.00	\$ 226,988.00	
Other: Cities subsidy	\$ 171,491.00	\$ 171,491.00	
Total	\$ 698,479.00	\$ 698,479.00	\$ -

Narrative: The three-year agreement with AMR includes proposed contract increases of 7.9%, to \$753,705 in the second year (FY07-08), and 5.0% to \$791,431 in the third year (FY08-09). Increases in the subsidy amounts with the participating cities and the Regional Health Authority have also been negotiated to fund these contract increases and will be reflected in the Revenue Contracts.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of the contract and one (1) copy of the minute order to:
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
ATTN: Contracts Analyst
300 N. San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

Attachment 1: FY 2006-09 Contract with American Medical Response

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