

June 23, 2009

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901

SUBJECT: Health and Human Services, Division of Community Mental Health Services Request for Approval of the 3-Year FY 2009-2010 thru FY 2011-2012 Cooperative Agreement (No. 27347) with the California Department of Rehabilitation For Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Renewal)

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize President to execute renewal of the agreement between Community Mental Health Services and the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) for a maximum amount of \$194,037 - \$64,679 per year for 3 years.

SUMMARY: This renewal of the existing cooperative agreement provides funding for the provision of staff and the rental cost of staff offices. The cooperative agreement is designed to jointly serve the mutual clients of the DOR and Community Mental Health Services by combining resources. This provides unique vocational rehabilitation services needed to meet the special needs of the DOR clients with psychiatric disabilities. The local office of the California Department of Rehabilitation has added a rehabilitation counselor to expedite access to services for forty adult clients of Community Mental Health Services. Liaison activities are being developed between College of Marin, Work Force Investment Board's One Stops, and others in order to facilitate referrals and maintain resource information needed to get clients employment.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The Board's approval of this cooperative agreement allows forty unduplicated mental health/DOR clients to receive services annually. The goal of the service is to assure successful job placement and retention.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE: The relevant performance measures apply to the County's contractor, Buckelew, and to the Department of Rehabilitation. 35 new cases will be opened, 30 new Individual Plans for Employment will be developed, and 25 cases will be successfully closed. Successful completion of the program is considered to be 90 days in a stable employment status.

During FY 2008-09, the program received 54 referrals, conducted vocational assessments for 34 new clients, successfully placed 15 clients in either part- or full-time competitive employment and successfully discharged 14 clients after 90 days on the job. The program currently has 21 open cases, 3 additional clients in pre-plan assessment and 21 individuals currently on the referral list. Finding job placements has dramatically decreased during the second half of the year due to the worsening economic climate.

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The existing County Community Mental Health Services clinician funded by this contract will continue to provide assessment, program liaison, and support services for mentally ill clients.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: Funds for this agreement are already included in the baseline budget in Mental Health Adult Services fund center (100042000). There is no increase in net county cost associated with this request.

To review a copy of the agreement, please contact the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

REVIEWED BY:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Auditor Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Health and Human Services

Attachment: DOR Contract Number: 27347

MERIT Document Number: N/A

