

June 23, 2009

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: DIVISION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH: AGREEMENTS WITH CANAL ALLIANCE, HUCKLEBERRY YOUTH PROGRAMS, NOVATO YOUTH CENTER, JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, COASTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE, AND MARIN COMMUNITY CLINICS FOR FYS 09/10 AND 10/11 IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,375,000 FOR TWO YEARS

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize President to execute FY2009/2010 and FY2010/2011 agreements with Canal Alliance, Huckleberry Youth Programs, Novato Youth Center, Coastal Health Alliance, Marin Community Clinics, and Jewish Family and Children's Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000 for the Prevention & Early Intervention Programs (PEI).

Contractor	FY 2009/2010	FY 2010/2011
Canal Alliance	\$60,000	\$60,000
Huckleberry Youth Programs	\$60,250	\$60,250
Novato Youth Center	\$27,250	\$27,250
Jewish Family & Children's Services	\$180,000	\$180,000
Coastal Health Alliance	\$130,000	\$130,000
Marin Community Clinics	\$230,000	\$230,000

SUMMARY: The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), formerly Prop 63, emphasizes prevention and early intervention as key strategies to transform California's mental health system. The MHSA prioritizes the prevention of suicide, incarceration, school failure or drop-out, homelessness, and prolonged suffering from untreated mental illnesses. After a lengthy process of stakeholder input a plan with nine strategies was developed. The State Department of Mental Health and the MHSA Oversight and Accountability Commission have approved this plan, and your Board accepted the funding allocation on May 19, 2009. Local providers have been selected through a Request for Proposal process. The first six of these contracts are included in this letter for your approval.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE: Following are the objectives for FY 09/10:

Canal Alliance: This program will provide mental health education, screening, and assistance in a community-based organization in the Canal District, with an emphasis on transition age youth. These services will help to bridge the cultural and language barriers that contribute to this neighborhood being underserved for mental health needs.

Huckleberry Youth Programs with Novato Youth Center: This program will provide mental health education, screening, and assistance in collaboration with agencies serving transition age youth (16-25 years old). This age group is at risk for substance abuse, justice system involvement, and onset of serious mental illness.

Jewish Family and Children's Services: This program will provide training and support to staff of childcare and early childhood education sites to identify children whose behavior indicates social/emotional difficulties, develop a plan for meeting the child's needs, and to assist the family. Training will be provided to strengthen staff skills in working with all children and voluntary screening will be available to families for adult depression.

Coastal Health Alliance and Marin Community Clinics: These programs will provide mental health education, screening, assistance, and brief treatment in primary care settings for low-income community members in West Marin, Novato, and San Rafael. This will improve access to mental health services and will bridge the access, cultural, and language barriers that contribute to these clients being underserved for their mental health needs. An evidenced based practice called the IMPACT Model which has produced positive outcomes around the country in similar clinical settings will be applied.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: Some mental illnesses can be prevented and others can have their negative impacts reduced through appropriate early interventions. The Prevention and Early Intervention Plan, of which these seven contracts are the first part, will serve to make our community a healthier place to live. Identifying individuals and families who are at risk and intervening in effective ways using promising and evidenced based practices can have a dramatic positive impact. Preventing and intervening early can also prevent long term suffering and higher cost services in the future.

FISCAL IMPACT: HHS will be working with the CAO to recognize the PEI MHSA allocation funds through the FY 09/10 technical adjustments budget process, and through the FY 10/11 baseline budget process. The purchase requisitions for these contracts will be entered in SAP in July 2009 when the FY 09/10 budget is available. There is no increase in net county cost associated with this request.

REVIEWED BY:

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

Sincerely,

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Director

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