

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: July 27, 2010 – Consent

AGENDA NO.: 41

SUBJECT: Approve and authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer to sign Amendment No. 3 to the Mental Health Services Agreement No. A-10929 with Allen/Loeb Associates for the final evaluation reports to include the three (3)-month grant extension for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) grant for Homeless Program. Amendment No. 3 extends the term from Fiscal Year 2009-10 to October 31, 2010 and adds \$8,075 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$437,746.

DEPARTMENT: Health – Behavioral Health Division

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/ DISCUSSION

Allen/Loeb Associates are a consulting partnership that have provided administrative oversight services to the Rural Youth Program and Treatment for Homeless Program evaluation plans from Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 through FY 2009-10. During the same time, their services were utilized to prepare Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) plans and other Behavioral Health program plans as needed, as well as write grant applications and implement program development. Behavioral Health is shifting the preparation of future grant writing, evaluation plans/reports, and program development implementation from outside consultants to in-County staff.

However, Allen/Loeb Associates have been the key evaluators of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health services (SAMHSA) grant Treatment for Homeless Program for the past five (5) years, which was to end June 30, 2010. The federal government recently approved a three (3)-month no-cost extension to the existing five (5)-year grant. This three-month extension requires provision of services for the period of the extension including the gathering of data and evaluation. Therefore, it is recommended to continue the existing contract for an additional four (4) months (includes the 3-month grant extension period and 1-month for submittal of reports) in the amount of \$8,075 to allow the services of Allen/Loeb for the completion of the grant's final reporting phase.

Allen/Loeb Associates have a long standing history of providing and meeting the special reporting conditions/mandates required by SAMHSA. The consultants have the background to

complete the three (3)-month extension of the program on time. Additionally, Allen/Loeb have the specialized expertise in working with the federal evaluation program performance measures entitled Government Performance Results Act (GPRA), in which the final evaluation of the Treatment for Homeless program is developed. The reporting requirement must be concluded on time to meet federal grant compliance and standards.

This Agreement contains the County's standard 30-day "no cause" provision (Section IV, A) and an additional defunding provision (Section IV, D), which provides the County the ability to amend or terminate the Agreement in the event of a reduction and/or termination of funding. This Agreement is brought before the Board for approval with the understanding that Realignment, AB3632, and CalWorks have been proposed for reduction and/or elimination in the 'State's Budget May revise.' Should the funding be reduced or terminated, the Behavioral Health Bureau will implement a plan to terminate this Agreement as needed.

Henceforth, evaluation for grants will utilize the Health Department Epidemiology and Evaluation program in accordance with a newly adopted Department of Health policy.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Risk Management and County Administrative Office have reviewed and approved this Amendment as to fiscal provisions, legal form, insurance requirements, and expenditure exemption request. This Amendment is on file with Clerk of the Board.

FINANCING

This Agreement is funded with 100% U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funds. The funds for this Agreement are included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA002) Unit 8073 Fiscal Year 2010-11 Adopted Budget. Approval of this action has no impact to the Net County Contribution.

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July 16, 2010

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Date:

7/17/2010

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Charles McKee, County Counsel