

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: July 27, 2010	AGENDA NO.: Consent 47
SUBJECT: a. Approve and authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer to sign a two fiscal year term Professional Services Agreement (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012) with Psychiatrists Only, LLC to refer Locum Tenens Psychiatric Service Providers for the provision of mental health treatment services to adults and children with psychiatric impairments and disabilities in the annual amount of \$90,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 and \$90,000 for FY 2011-12 for a total Agreement amount of \$180,000; and b. Authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer, to sign up to three future amendments to this agreement where the amendments do not exceed 10% and do not significantly change the scope of work or result in an increase of net county contribution.	
DEPARTMENT: Health	

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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- b. Authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer, to sign up to three future amendments to this agreement where the amendments do not exceed 10% and do not significantly change the scope of work or result in an increase of net county contribution.

SUMMARY:

Locum Tenens are licensed Physicians and Healthcare Professionals who are Board Certified, Board Eligible or have equivalent training and experience. Locum Tenens provide temporary medical services in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County laws, rules and regulations, and policies. Psychiatrists Only, LLC is a Locum Tenens agency that provides psychiatric health care placement services.

The Monterey County Health Department engages Physicians and Healthcare Professionals who provide Locum Tenens Psychiatry services in areas of critical medical need where sufficient permanent staffing is not available. This Professional Services Agreement (PSA) will assure the provision of essential mental health, medication support, primary care and specialty care services for clients of the Monterey County Health Department's Behavioral Health Bureau during temporary absences of contracted psychiatrists.

DISCUSSION:

It is 'mission critical' that the County provide a continuity of mental health care pursuant to the requirements of the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act (California Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5600 et seq.), Part 2.5 of Division 5 of the California Welfare & Institutions Code, and Titles 9 and 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

Furthermore, the Joint Commission that accredits and certifies health care organizations requires that the Natividad Medical Center (NMC)/Behavioral Health Bureau (BHB) Inpatient Unit maintain a staff psychiatrist to client ratio, making it essential that the BHB have access to temporary physician services on an as needed basis. The Monterey County Health Department

has significantly reduced the reliance on these services, but considers it vital to have access when needed.

Prior to this PSA, the Monterey County Health Department had arrangements for temporary psychiatric care services with Psychiatrists Only, LLC through the NMC contract with Psychiatrists Only, LLC. This practice is being shifted from NMC to BHB since the process is the responsibility of BHB and it would ensure direct and efficient oversight with Psychiatrists Only, LLC. Therefore, the Monterey County Health Department is requesting this contractual Agreement directly with Psychiatrists Only, LLC.

Locum Tenens are hired on a per diem rate applicable to the professional medical specialty, which has been negotiated with Psychiatrists Only, LLC. The per diem rate is standard for this type of service and includes allowance for overtime, holiday, and on-call pay as listed in Exhibit A-Part 2.

This PSA contains the County's standard 30-day "no cause" provision (Section 7), which provides that during the term of this Agreement, the County may terminate the Agreement for any reason by giving written notice of termination to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. This PSA is brought before the Board for approval with the understanding that CalWorks, AB3632, and Realignment have been proposed for reduction and/or elimination in the State's Budget May revise. Should the funding be reduced or terminated, Behavioral Health Bureau will implement a plan to terminate this Agreement as needed.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

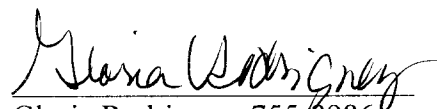
County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Management have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form, fiscal provisions and insurance requirements. The Contracts/ Purchasing Officer concurs with the contract terms. This Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

FINANCING:

This PSA is funded by Realignment (38.41%) and Medicaid--Federal Financial Participation (61.59%). The funds for this Agreement are included in the Health Department's Behavioral Health (HEA002) Unit 8073 Fiscal Year 2010-11 Recommended Budget. Approval of this action has no impact to the Net County Contribution.

The Agreement is brought before the Board for approval with the understanding that realignment funding has been proposed for reduction in the State's Budget May Revise. Should the funding be reduced or terminated, Behavioral Health will implement a plan to transition consumers receiving services as required and/or terminate this Agreement as needed.

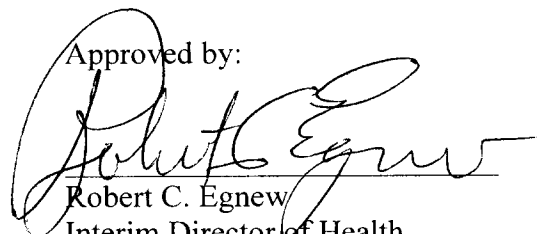
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Approved by:


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Interim Director of Health

Date: 7/14/10