



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Procurement and Contracts Division, recommending the Board: (1) Award Request for Proposal 06-952-129 for transitional housing and related services and support for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Integrated Services Program - Western Slope, to the sole, qualified respondent, The Gates Recovery Foundation of Placerville, California; (2) Make findings that it is more economical and feasible to contract out the needed services in accordance with Section 3.13.030 of the County Ordinance; and (3) Authorize Chairman to execute Agreement 139-S0711 in an amount not to exceed \$592,920 for a term to expire June 30, 2008 upon review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Management. (Continued 8/15/06, Item 60)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

FUNDING: Mental Health Services Act.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: At the request of the Mental Health Department, the Procurement and Contracts Division issued a Request for Proposal for MHSA Integrated Services Program - Western Slope. The sole, qualified respondent is The Gates Recovery Foundation of Placerville, California.

In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), to expand funding for a comprehensive, community-based mental health system for seriously mentally ill individuals. The MHSA requires that five (5) elements be included in any MHSA expansion proposal: 1) community collaboration; 2) cultural competence; 3) client/family driven services; 4) wellness and recovery focus; and, 5) integrated services.

The integrated services program will serve seriously mentally ill transitional age youth (18-25) and adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to unmet mental health needs. The goal is to provide a full-service partnership program which offers a continuum of housing options, along with a comprehensive array of integrated services and support and a collaborative case management team, within a psychosocial rehabilitation/recovery model framework. Services will be offered through a partnership between County Mental Health and the successful proposer, The Gates Recovery Foundation.

The desired outcomes for this collaborative effort and use of MHSA funds include: 1) decrease in institutional care placements for transitional age youth and adults; 2) increase in access to mental health services; 3) improved accuracy of diagnoses; 4) increased use of peer support resources; 5) decreased days of homelessness, institutionalization, hospitalization and incarceration; and, 6) increase in acquiring meaningful roles in society.

Your Board is being asked to make findings that it is more economical and feasible to obtain an outside contractor to furnish these services since the County does not have the facilities and/or staffing required.

Forty-three (43) Request for Proposals were mailed; 33 to local vendors. One (1) qualified response was received from a local vendor. After review and evaluation of the proposal criteria, the Mental Health Department has determined that The Gates Recovery Foundation's proposal to be the sole, qualified respondent. The proposal was evaluated on the basis of: project summary; agency background information and direct services provided; program design; projected program objectives, activities, and time schedule; client data tracking; and program budget.

The County officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Tom Michaelson, Department Analyst, Mental Health Department, or successor.

FISCAL IMPACT/CHANGE TO NET COUNTY COST: Procurement and Contracts has been advised that funding is available within the Mental Health's Department budget (MHSA Fund).

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING APPROVAL: Following Board approval, the Procurement and Contracts Division will process an agreement for said services with The Gates Recovery Foundation for the period of August 15, 2006 through June 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$592,920.00.