

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 6/5/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kimberly Miramon, Admin Srvcs Mgr x2932 Amy Olson, ASO II x4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the FY 2012-13 renewal contract (Clerk's File) with American Care Home in the amount of \$618,072 to provide residential board and care and social support services for Behavioral Health Department clients			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the FY 2012-13 renewal contract with American Care Home in the amount of \$618,072 to provide residential board and care and social support services for Behavioral Health Department clients.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) FC166-Behavioral Health, SAMHSA grant	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$618,072	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$618,072	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  19001153		(14) W-9 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP  N/A	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?  No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY  <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>June 21, 2011</u> _____	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., MFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 6/5/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve the FY 2012-13 renewal contract (Clerk's File) with American Care Home in the amount of \$618,072 to provide residential board and care and social support services for Behavioral Health Department clients

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve the FY 2012-13 renewal contract with American Care Home in the amount of \$618,072 to provide residential board and care and social support services for Behavioral Health Department clients.

## **DISCUSSION**

The contractor operates two board and care homes at separate locations in the county. The facilities offer residential and social support services to adults with serious mental illness. American Care Home I in Atascadero is licensed as a 38 bed board and care facility, while American Care II in Templeton provides a more intensive program in a six bed licensed board and care facility. The residential care facilities are the only board and care facilities operated within our County that are available for persons experiencing serious mental illness. The homes provide a supportive and structured living environment for those who can manage in a less restrictive setting than a locked Institution for Mental Disease (IMD). IMDs, with the exception of acute hospitals, provide the most intensive level of service in the residential care continuum. As clients are able to step down to a lower intensity level of care, board and care homes offer the assistance and structure they continue to need to be successful in a less restrictive setting.

The contractor has been providing basic residential board and care services to Behavioral Health clients at American Care Home I for many years. American Care Home II began operating in March of 2006, providing an augmented level of care made possible by the small size of the facility and a higher ratio of caregivers to clients. American Care Home II provides an intermediate level of care appropriate for those clients ready to step down from IMD placements, but needing more structure than basic board and care services provide.

American Care Home has operated a Socialization Program for clients, the North County Clubhouse, for the past three years. The Socialization Program offers a separate facility on the same property as American Care I where clients can come for social activities six days per week. The program is available to clients from both facilities.

The renewal of this contract is dependent upon Board approval of the Health Agency FY 2012-13 budget. Each contract is subject to nonappropriation of funds, thereby allowing Behavioral Health to terminate the contract should the Health Agency budget not be approved.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

American Care Homes I and II and the North County Clubhouse are operated by the same contractor. The overall contracted amount for FY 2012-13 is set at \$618,072 (\$369,636 for American Care Home I; \$155,490 for American Care Home II; \$92,946 for operation of the North County Clubhouse). The total contracted amount for all services provided by American Care Home represents a \$4,417 increase in the amount over the FY 2011-12 contract of \$613,655, all of which is attributed to the Clubhouse budget. Cost-of living increases especially in food prices, transportation and utilities have increased the contractor's costs in providing the necessary services for clients. The increase will be fully funded through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant funding.

### **American Care Home I**

The daily rate of \$26.65 per client at American Care Home I remains low when compared to other 24-hour supervised residential facilities utilized by Behavioral Health. This rate remains at the 2011-12 contracted rate. The FY 2012-13 contracted amount of \$369,636 will provide for approximately 13,870 days of service, including case management services, to County placed clients. This low rate is only possible due to the economy of scale achieved through the facility's larger size and basic level of care.

### **American Care Home II**

The contract amount set for American Care Home II is \$155,490. The contract reflects a daily per client rate of \$71, which remains at 2011-12 rates and is significantly below average IMD rates and well below other augmented board and care facilities. American Care Home II provides an augmented level of care with a higher ratio of caregivers to clients than American Care Home I. Services are more highly structured and intense, and are targeted toward clients attempting to step down from IMDs or other higher intensity level facilities.

### **North County Clubhouse**

The contract also includes \$92,946 for the North County Clubhouse, the socialization program that operates six days per week and is open to clients from both American Care Homes I and II. Although the Clubhouse budget has remained stable since 2008, this year necessitates an increase of \$4,417. Increased utility and supplies costs have increased the contractor's costs to properly maintain and run this clubhouse and staff the socialization programs, therefore the slight budget increase is to assure these important socialization programs remain open and available for all clients to utilize. The program continues to be funded through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant funding.

## **RESULTS**

American Care Home I is estimated to provide services to 42 clients during FY 2011-12, while American Care Home II is estimated to provide services to 7 clients during FY 2011-12. It is anticipated for FY 2012-13 that 38 clients will be served by American Care Home I and 6 by American Care Home II. American Care Home provides not only the least restrictive setting available, but also the last step down from IMD's and more restrictive Board and Care facilities before the client resumes living in the San Luis Obispo community. American Care Home is also significantly less expensive than IMD and more restrictive Board and Care facilities, thus a savings when clients are moved to this less restrictive setting. The many services offered between American Care Home I and II and the North County Clubhouse are very valuable when considering the important life and socialization skills the clients of American Care Home I and II gain, enabling them to successfully integrate back in to the local community.

The American Care facilities help the Behavioral Health Department achieve its vision to help individuals with mental illness be as functional and productive as possible in the least restrictive and least costly environments. American Care Homes contributes to meeting a wider County goal of providing a healthy community while allowing clients to remain in the community, close to family and friends and assists them in living healthy, productive lives.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. American Care Home Clerk's File Coversheet