

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 6/4/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a renewal contract (Clerk's File) with C & D's Guest Homes, Inc. for FY 2013-14 in the amount not to exceed \$55,015 to provide residential board and care and social support services to adults with serious mental illness.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a renewal contract with C & D's Guest Homes, Inc. for FY 2013-14 in the amount not to exceed \$55,015 to provide residential board and care and social support services to adults with serious mental illness.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal, Realignment	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$55,015	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$55,015	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001283		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP No	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>June 19, 2012</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) 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: 6/4/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve a renewal contract (Clerk's File) with C & D's Guest Homes, Inc. for FY 2013-14 in the amount not to exceed \$55,015 to provide residential board and care and social support services to adults with serious mental illness.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a renewal contract with C & D's Guest Homes, Inc. for FY 2013-14 in the amount not to exceed \$55,015 to provide residential board and care and social support services to adults with serious mental illness.

DISCUSSION

C & D's Guest Homes manages New Horizons, a board and care facility located in Merced which provides residential and social support services to adults with serious mental illness. New Horizon provides a higher level of support services than those provided at American Care Home I, the board and care facility located in our county, and, therefore, provides a residential step-down from an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD). Augmented residential programs, like those offered at C & D's Guest Home, provide an alternative for clients ready to transition to a slightly lower level of care than that provided at an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD), but not yet ready for more independent living situations.

New Horizons provides a highly structured environment, extensive socialization programs, and onsite psychiatrist coverage. The home's higher intensity level programs are geared toward the special needs of clients who are dual-diagnosed with both mental illness and a developmental disability. New Horizons is a newer facility to Behavioral Health and their program has been utilized since February of 2012. Currently, Behavioral Health has one client placed at New Horizons. As clients demonstrate stability in this setting, the County residential case manager evaluates stepping down services as appropriate.

Behavioral Health makes great efforts to choose residential provider services that most appropriately meet the current diagnosis and treatment needs of the individual client. Although the Department uses these objectives to track performance, Behavioral Health realizes that fluctuations in a client's overall health condition and/or response to medications do occur, and that movement of clients to higher level placement will be appropriate in some cases and that this does not necessarily reflect any negative performance on the part of the service provider.

The renewal of this contract is dependent upon Board approval of the Health Agency FY 2013-14 budget. Each contract includes language that would allow the County to terminate the agreement in the unlikely event the Health Agency's budgets are not approved with sufficient funding for this use.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget includes \$55,015 for C & D's Guest Homes' residential services. The cost per client varies depending on need and stage of facility integration, and ranges from \$3,000 per month (\$98.63/day – regular rate, basic services) to \$9,995 per month (\$325/day – augmented rate, 1-1 services). Rates for FY 2013-14 remain the same as for FY 2012-13. The FY 2012-13, Behavioral Health approved budget was for \$58,184, consisting of 1 client for 89 augmented days and 276 regular days. The augmented days were necessary due to the diagnosis and acuity of this client. FY 2012-13 actual costs through the month of April are \$46,961 and expected to end the year at \$56,147. The FY 2013-14 contract amount of \$55,015 is \$3,169 (or 3.8%) lower than the FY 2012-13 contract amount of \$58,184. This decrease is due to the anticipated decrease of augmented days required by the client during FY 2013-14. Behavioral Health recognizes that it remains difficult to predict the combination of services or facility that will most appropriately meet clients' treatment needs, especially with our dual-diagnosed clients.

RESULTS

C & D's Guest Homes (New Horizons facility) assists Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department's performance objectives by helping clients be as functional and productive as possible in the least restrictive and least costly environments. These individuals are afforded the opportunity to be successful in progressing toward a more independent lifestyle and integrate more successfully into the community. Providing the most appropriate services to these clients increases their probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's Filed Coversheet for C&D's 13-14 Contract Renewal