

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 10/7/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932; Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with County Office of Education in the amount not to exceed \$134,274 for the County to provide Day Treatment Program Intensive services located at the District's Chris Jespersen school. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign the FY 2014-15 renewal contract with County Office of Education (COE) in the amount not to exceed \$134,274 for the County to provide Day Treatment Program Intensive services located at the District's Chris Jespersen school.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) COE, SELPA, Medi-Cal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$134,274.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$134,274.00	(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) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>8-6-13</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 10/7/2014

SUBJECT: Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with County Office of Education in the amount not to exceed \$134,274 for the County to provide Day Treatment Program Intensive services located at the District's Chris Jespersion school. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign the FY 2014-15 renewal contract with County Office of Education (COE) in the amount not to exceed \$134,274 for the County to provide Day Treatment Program Intensive services located at the District's Chris Jespersion school.

DISCUSSION

The County Office of Education has requested the County provide a day treatment intensive program at their Chris Jespersion school location. The day treatment intensive program is a highly structured, multi-disciplinary program in which intensive mental health interventions are fully integrated with special educational services for a targeted/prioritized group of seriously emotionally disturbed youth who, at the time of referral, are unable to benefit from less restrictive services, are at imminent risk of psychiatric hospitalization, or at risk of more restrictive out of county placement. Day treatment can also serve as a "stepping stone" back into the community for youth returning from restrictive settings out of county.

Day treatment programs are firmly grounded in the core values and guiding principles of California's Children's System of Care and Mental Health Services Act of 2005. These values include but are not limited to: wellness, resiliency, recovery, and hope coupled with strength-based, consumer/family-centered, needs-driven, solution-oriented and community-based best practices. The goals of a day treatment intensive program are to help youths gain social, emotional, relational and functional skills necessary for appropriate development, enhanced self-efficacy and social integration. Specifically, the program goals are to provide services that help youth achieve their mental health treatment goals, including decreasing symptoms and maladaptive behaviors that interfere with reaching these goals. Special education goals are to maximize the educational benefit of academic instruction and achieve the objectives of the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Services provided within the day treatment intensive program may include but are not limited to individual therapy, group therapy, behavioral shaping, individualized special education, collateral, crisis intervention, case management, and medication support.

The day treatment intensive program is a collaborative effort between County Behavioral Health, Special Education Local Area Plan (SELPA), County Office of Education (COE), and the ten school districts within the county. Students are referred to the program through the IEP process. A maximum of ten (10) students will participate in the program at any one time. Each student is assessed to see if they meet the criteria for mental health services via the Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) requirements of the California Education Code. Each student must meet medical necessity for this level of mental health services given their psychiatric symptoms, behaviors and functional impairments warranting an approved Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fifth edition (DSM-5) diagnosis and by standards established by Medi-Cal.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2014-15 Approved Budget includes \$134,274 for the day treatment program. Typically, contract negotiations do not begin until early summer, when school districts are confident about funding, and are historically not finalized until late summer or early fall.

When the day treatment services are provided, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT), and other Special Education funding are submitted for reimbursement. Since the school district is interested in having staff on-site the entire school day, the School District will provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs. This would equate to any time staff or the contractor was present but did not provide a specific mental health service that is billable to Medi-Cal or third party payor. In addition to the above reimbursement, COE would provide one teacher, and two classroom aides, as well as the facility housing the day treatment intensive program including classroom, game room, multi-purpose room, and outdoor recreational facilities. COE would pay for all non-reimbursable costs so that the program would be cost neutral to the County.

RESULTS

The primary goal of this collaborative effort is to help children remain in their home and the community while receiving the most appropriate education. To achieve this collaboration, the County sells requested services to COE which are required for the operation of the day treatment program. The maximum number of students (Target) for whom services may be provided during the year is 10, however, only those students eligible for services will be involved in the day treatment program. The following table illustrates the established units of service and anticipated outcomes for the FY 2014-15 contract as well as the same data for FY 2013-14 (the first year of the program). FY 2013-14 was the first year for this program and due to staffing and location set up, the program started late in the year, and, therefore, fewer students than anticipated participated in the program. It is anticipated that the program will run at capacity, with 10 students, during FY 2014-15.

COE Day Treatment Outputs and Outcomes			
Year	2013-14 Target	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Target
Clients Served	10	6	10
% Children Remaining in Current Home Environment	80%	100%	80%
% Children Avoiding Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization	80%	100%	80%
% Increase in Average School Attendance over previous year	10%	100%*	10%
% Decrease in Average School Suspensions over previous year	10%	100%*	10%

* The Day Treatment program began in FY 2013-14.

The day treatment intensive services provided under this contract with COE are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. The integrated interventions provided serve not only as an alternative to higher levels of mental health and educational placement, but also seek to reduce frequency of psychiatric hospitalizations and maintain youth in community settings. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. COE FY 14-15 Day Treatment Contract Renewal