

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 7/7/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932; Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve FY 2015-16 renewal contracts, with the option to renew for two additional years, with Tom Comar, N.P., Gary Raymond, N.P., and Nancy Walden, N.P. at a flat rate of \$80 per history and physical, and a flat rate of \$55 per sick call, or \$43.77/hour for medical services to perform medical histories and physicals, sick calls, and other medical services provided to Mental Health patients. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the FY 2015-16 renewal contracts, with the option to renew for two additional years, with Tom Comar, N.P., Gary Raymond, N.P., and Nancy Walden, N.P. at a flat rate of \$80.00 per history and physical, and a flat rate \$55.00 per sick call, or \$43.77/hour for medical services provided to Mental Health patients.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$168,935.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$168,935.00	(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) 19001564		(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>07-08-2015</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW 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: 7/7/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Behavioral Health Services has a need for Nurse Practitioners on a part-time contract basis at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) to provide limited medical duties including medical histories and physicals (H&P) and sick calls for clients at the PHF. Nurse Practitioner services are necessary to ensure mandated medical services as well as the medical doctor providing medical supervision at the PHF as provided for in the California Code of Regulations Title 9, Division 1 Section 785.11. Coverage is only required on a part-time basis which makes the use of contract Nurse Practitioners the most effective method of providing necessary services as opposed to hiring a full or part time staff who may not be able to cover the weekend, evening, or on-call duties that a contractor can.

The availability of a contract Nurse Practitioner to perform necessary medical duties allows for the flexibility to provide mandated services but puts the County under no obligation to utilize these services except as mandated. The contracted medical services have proven to be an essential component in the Department's staffing plan for many years.

As per Option to Renew of the contract, Exhibit C.4., these contracts may be extended for two one-year periods upon Health Agency Director approval to exercise the option to renew for each one-year period and upon Behavioral Health Administrator approval for any changes pertaining to service/service level changes or rate changes.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The rate of pay for the nurse practitioners will be \$80 per H&P and \$55 per sick call. For duties performed aside from an H&P or sick call, the nurse practitioners will be paid \$43.77 per hour. The rates remain the same for FY 2015-16 as they were for FY 2014-15. The recommended agreement includes no cap on the services the contractors are able to provide. It is expected that for FY 2015-16, the projected cost of these services will not exceed the budget of \$168,935. The FY 2015-16 budget of \$168,935 is approximately at the same level as FY 2014-15.

RESULTS

Medical services are an integral part of PHF operations, and a critical component to the overall effort to provide quality client care. The nurse practitioners are licensed and trained to provide examinations and prescribe the medications

needed by mental health clients to help control medical symptoms. Nurse Practitioners provided the following services to clients admitted to the PHF:

- For the period July 2014 through April 2015, 1,702 services were provided to 692 (40.7%) unique individuals.
 - Of those 1,702 services:
 - 753 were H&P (648, or 86.1%, unique individuals)
 - 949 were sick calls (264, or 27.8%, unique individuals)

Without these services, Behavioral Health could not meet State mandates for medical support services or properly prescribe and monitor medications for medical conditions. Contracting with nurse practitioners contributes to the County meeting legal staffing requirements 100% of the time.

Providing nurse practitioner coverage throughout the county contributes to proper care and oversight of client treatment. 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. Tom Comar, NP, FY 2015-16 Contract
2. Gary Raymond, NP, FY 2015-16 Contract
3. Nancy Walden, NP, FY 2015-16 Contract