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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 MASTER CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH, INC. AND HORIZON SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PRIMARY PREVENTION SERVICES FOR YOUTH IN THE TOTAL INCREASE AMOUNT OF \$225,880

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approve master contract amendments with the following Community-Based Organization (CBO) providers to continue providing substance use disorder primary prevention programs for youth in the East and Central County regions, with no change in the contract period of 7/1/20 - 6/30/21:
- i. Axis Community Health, Inc. (Principal: Sue Compton; Location: Pleasanton; Master Contract No. 000006; Procurement Contract No. 20248), increasing the amount from \$91,844 to \$183,688 (\$91,844 increase);
 - ii. Horizon Services, Inc. (Principal: Christy Hayes; Location: Hayward; Master Contract No. 900090; Procurement Contract No. 20255), increasing the amount from \$9,645,441 to \$9,779,477 (\$134,036 increase); and
- B. Delegate authority to the Agency Director or designee to negotiate and execute the agreements through the CBO master contract process, subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel, and submit executed copies to the Clerk of the Board for filing.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) is requesting approval of contract augmentations with Axis Community Health (Axis) and Horizon Services, Inc. (Horizon) to continue Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Primary Prevention (PPv) Services in Eastern and Central Alameda County at current levels through June 30, 2021.

ACBH released Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 19-11 PPv Services for Youth on December 3, 2019. Under this RFP, five separate competitive bidding processes were administered to procure services for each geographic area within Alameda County which included the East, North, South, and Central regions, and the City of Oakland. On July 14, 2020 (Item No. 6), your Board approved three CBOs to implement SUD PPv programs in the following geographic regions of Alameda County: Filipino Advocates for Justice (Filipino Advocates) in the South, Roots Community Health, Inc. (Roots) in Oakland, and The New Bridge Foundation, Inc. (New Bridge) in the North. ACBH did not receive any qualified bids for the Eastern or Central regions of the county. ACBH intended to re-release a RFP for PPv services in the remaining areas in the spring of 2020, however due to changes in the

procurement schedule as a result of novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and other competing factors the RFP for these services was released on September 29, 2020. It is anticipated that the newly selected SUD PPv program providers for youth in the East and Central regions will begin effective July 1, 2021, which ACBH will bring forward separately to your Board for approval.

Your Board's approval of these augmentations will allow continuation of SUD PPv services by Axis and Horizon in the East and Central County regions until new providers have been selected for both regions through the RFP process. These programs will continue to provide education, youth development, and leadership opportunities as key strategies towards reducing and/or preventing substance use among youth while also making community-level changes to reduce alcohol and drug-related problems.

SELECTION CRITERIA

ACBH first issued RFP for PPv Services on February 9, 2011, which was advertised using the General Services Agency (GSA) guidelines, including a bidders conference held on October 27, 2011. Four proposals to address services for older adults and fourteen proposals to address services for youth and families were received by the deadline of December 2, 2011. ACBH facilitated a review committee consisting of representatives from ACBH, community members, San Mateo County and Board of Supervisors staff. Your Board approved contracts for these services on April 17, 2012 (Item No. 4) for Horizon, Inc., New Bridge, Inc., Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and St. Mary's Center; May 22, 2012 (Item No. 8) for Axis Community Health, Inc. and Native American Health Center; and July 24, 2012 (Item No. 85) for Filipino Advocates. On June 23, 2020 (Item No. 4), your Board approved contracts with Axis and Horizon to continue SUD PPv programming for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 at a reduced funding level in anticipation of the spring 2020 re-release of the RFP.

Your Board approved an augmentation for Horizon to support additional staffing and telephone infrastructure on September 22, 2020 (Item No. 13) and to fund a Medical Director position on December 15, 2020 (Item No. 5).

Axis is a local, non-profit CBO and exempt from Small, Local and Emerging Business (SLEB) requirements. Horizon, as non-profit CBO providing direct service on behalf of the County, is exempt from the SLEB policy but has elected to participate in the SLEB Program (No. 20-00093; Expiration October 31, 2021).

FINANCING

Appropriations for this augmentation (\$225,880) will be funded from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) and already included in the FY 2020-21 ACBH Approved Budget. Approval of these recommendations will have no impact on net County cost.

VISION 2026 GOAL

The provision of SUD primary prevention for youth services meets the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of the shared vision of a **Thriving and Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

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