



January 12, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: APPROVE A FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 MASTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR ST. MARY'S CENTER TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$243,998 (\$18,769 INCREASE)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approve Amendment No. 1 (Master Contract No. 900101; Procurement Contract No. 20200) with St. Mary's Center (Principal: Sharon Cornu; Location: Oakland) to expand services to clients utilizing unused prior year grant funds, with no change in the contract period of 7/1/20 – 6/30/21, increasing the amount from \$225,229 to \$243,998 (\$18,769 increase); and
- B. Delegate authority to the Agency Director or designee to negotiate and execute the agreement through the Community-Based Organization master contract process, subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel and submit an executed copy to the Clerk of the Board for filing.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) is requesting approval of a contract augmentation with St. Mary's Center to recognize additional funding received from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) toward the existing contract.

The SAMHSA MHBG makes funds available to support grantees in carrying out plans for the provision of comprehensive community mental health services. This Federal grant is allocated to the State of California, and the State determines the amount of funding provided to each county. Monies must be used for services to people with Severe Mental Illness (SMI). Alameda County has chosen to focus on providing services to people with SMI who are also facing issues of homelessness.

ACBH currently contracts with St. Mary's Center to provide comprehensive community mental health services from the federal funding allocated to the County by the State. The requested increase is from unutilized funds from a prior year allocation. Your Board's approval of this request will enable St. Mary's Center to increase their capacity to provide comprehensive community mental health services, including counseling, education and housing navigation, to 32 clients per year.

SELECTION CRITERIA

ACBH has had a contractual relationship with St. Mary's Center since 1998. St. Mary's Center was selected to provide housing navigation due to their existing shelter serving vulnerable older adults with SMI who are homeless. St. Mary's Center has been providing social services, meals and health screening to poor and isolated older adults in West and Downtown Oakland since 1973. As a nonprofit community-based provider providing services on behalf of the County, St. Mary's is exempt from the County's Small, Local and Emerging Business (SLEB) policy.


FINANCING:

Funding for this contract augmentation is provided by the Mental Health Block Grant and is already included in the FY 20-21 ACBH Approved Budget. There is no increase in net County cost as a result of your approval.

VISION 2026 GOAL

These services meet 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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Colleen Chawla, Director
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