



Board Agenda Item 41

DATE: June 22, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Dawan Utecht, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement with Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute First Amendment to Agreement No. 16-691 with Centro La Familia Advocacy Services Inc., to provide consumer and family advocacy services, extending the term by one year from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and increasing the maximum by \$113,568 to a total of \$624,624.

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Approval of the recommended action will ensure that necessary behavioral health services continue uninterrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing Centro La Familia Advocacy Services Inc. (CLFAS), to continue providing services while the competitive bid process is finalized. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. The existing agreement will expire on June 30, 2021 and the Department of Behavioral Health is drafting a Request for Proposal for continued services, expected to launch on July 1, 2023. The release was delayed due to challenges associated with the pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds. The FY 2021-22 cost is estimated at \$113,568 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022), and the maximum payable under this contract is \$624,624. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5630 FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget. Total expenditures will be determined by actual services provided.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the challenges presented by the pandemic, Department and CLFAS has been affected by unanticipated staff shortages and accommodations to meet the new staff safety requirements. Furthermore, CLFAS has experienced an increase in services as there has been an influx of individuals seeking services due to the pandemic, as other service providers have not been available, and/or have provided COVID response support including activities such as vaccinations.

On December 13, 2016, the Board approved Agreement No. 16-691 with CLFAS to provide consumer and family advocacy services. Services include community-based outreach, suicide prevention, mental wellness and anti-stigma education, system navigation services, linkages to services, mental illness and recovery education to the family and community, assistance to the family and consumer in navigating the

mental health systems of care available in the community, helping to build resiliency and de-escalation techniques in the family in an effort to prevent future mental health crisis that would require involuntary psychiatric assessment; and coordination and collaboration with other community providers.

Approval of the recommended action will provide flexibility to maintain the service levels provided to the individuals served throughout the Behavioral Health System of Care. The proposed one-year extension will continue services while the competitive bidding process and contract negotiations are completed.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #26, December 13, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - First Amendment to Agreement No. 16-691 with CLFAS

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia M. De La Rosa