

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: March 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Blanket Purchase Order Change Order for Locum Tenens Services FY 2013-14

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a change order to Blanket Purchase Order BP020932 with California Locums PC to provide temporary psychiatrist services, to increase the maximum amount \$250,000 (\$52,500 net County cost) for a revised total of \$300,000 for the period of February 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 and authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resulting change order.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County Adult System of Care (ASOC) provides mandated mental health services to 5,000 people annually who require the medical consultation and/or treatment intervention of a psychiatrist. These services include admission to and treatment at psychiatric hospitals, care in long-term, locked facilities, residential treatment programs and a continuum of out-client services. Outclient services include a range of interventions from intensive services provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week to services that include clinical interventions with behavioral health specialists and support with Peer Specialists.

ASOC has developed a team of medical, clinical and support staff to address clients who need different levels of care. This approach assures that clients receive the appropriate services they need to assist them in their recovery process and support them to move towards independence. Psychiatrists are a critical part of these teams.

ASOC has been unable to fill two full-time physician/psychiatrist positions for some time. In order to manage with these vacancies, psychiatrists have been utilized using contracts with local organizations for part-time assistance and those who provide temporary help (locum tenens). Procurement has worked with ASOC to provide several companies providing temporary help as use of a single company has not been able to meet needs.

Two small blanket purchase orders were established with new Locum Tenens companies during the current fiscal year. California Locums PC has been able to find several physicians to meet this critical need in the last two months. This requires a change order to the current blanket purchase order (BPO). The funding for this increase is available as the two funded physician/psychiatrist positions remain unfilled. Funding is a mix of Federal, State and County General Funds.

The Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board reviewed and recommended this change order for Board of Supervisors approval at its February 24, 2014 board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The expenditure included in this BPO is included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Final Budget as a result of unfilled positions. Funding of \$250,000 in FY 2013-14 consists of \$197,500 (79 percent) Federal and State funding and \$52,500 (21 percent) County General Funds.

cc: Procurement Services

