

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

BOARD AGENDA # B-4

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE March 4, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Notification of the Relocation of Six Programs Serving Adults and Two Consumer and Family Member Advocacy Programs to 500 North Ninth Street, Modesto - Behavioral Health And Recovery Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Accept notification of the relocation of six programs serving adults and two consumer and family member advocacy programs to 500 North Ninth Street, Modesto.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has negotiated a five-year lease for 22,712 square feet of space at 500 North Ninth Street, Modesto at a rate beginning at \$1.25 per square foot. The anticipated occupancy of this space is March 1, 2008. For the period of March 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, the total rental cost will be \$113,560, plus the cost of utilities. Revenue for this cost will come from existing program budgets with funding through a combination of Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation, Realignment funding and Mental Health Services Act funding. There is no County General Fund impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-151

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Grover, Monteith, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: O'Brien, and DeMartini

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

## **DISCUSSION:**

In an effort to provide the greatest access to its customers, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has historically provided clinic service sites throughout Stanislaus County. While providing the best access, this method of service provision has proven to be the most costly. In recent years, budget challenges have forced the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to close many of these sites.

In addition to regional service sites, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has many specialty and contract programs located within Modesto that provide services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness and/or alcohol or other drug abuse/addiction. Each site pays rent to a different landlord. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has the opportunity to co-locate four County run programs and two programs contracted through Telecare Corporation, Inc. which serve similar populations, as well as two consumer and family advocate organizations, into one location in a facility being constructed on Ninth Street in Modesto. Co-location of these services will create a "one-stop" full service location with the ability to share needed resources such as clerical support, transportation and physician time. Services provided at the Ninth Street location will encompass various levels, so that consumers may transition between programs without having to change service sites. The anticipated move-in date is March 1, 2008.

Programs to be located at this site include:

- West Modesto Regional Services, currently located at 1100 Kansas Ave. Staff at this site provide mental health assessment, case management, therapy, and medication management, as well as substance abuse counseling for adult consumers.
- Wellness Recovery Center, currently located at 920 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Services at this site are provided with the focus of "Recovery is Possible". Providers also include consumer/peer recovery specialists who provide peer support, peer directed activities and groups.
- Psychiatric Liaison Clinic, located at 920 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Medical Staff (psychiatrists and nurses) at this clinic provide medication management for consumers who do not need more intensive levels of service along with medications.
- Integrated Forensics Team, currently located at 1720 G Street. The three programs located within this team provide assistance to clients with a serious mental illness involved with the Criminal Justice System.

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- East Modesto Regional Services and Telecare Recovery Access Center/ Westside Homeless Outreach Program, currently located at 1601 Yosemite Blvd. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services contracts with Telecare Corporation, to provide mental health treatment and medication management to adult consumers, along with outreach, support, counseling and temporary housing for individuals with a mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- The Stanislaus County chapter of the National Alliance for Mentally Illness is currently located with the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services administrative offices at 800 Scenic Drive. This organization provides educational and recovery groups for clients and family members.
- The Stanislaus County Peer Advocacy Network is currently located with the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services administrative offices at 800 Scenic Drive. This consumer-directed organization provides support, advocacy, activities and peer counseling for consumers and family members.

Co-location of these programs will be beneficial to clients and their families, allowing clients who receive services from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Telecare Corporation, as well as those provided by the consumer and family groups, to more readily access services and support. It will also expedite referrals from one program to another. Additionally, all programs will be able to share resources such as reception services, clerical support, physician time, interview and conference rooms, and transportation services. The site includes a large conference room that can be accessed from the outside and used by community groups, and a computer learning lab within the consumer and family member space.

The lease for this property spans a five-year period. This was negotiated with the landlord in an effort to keep rental costs at a lower rate for a longer period of time. A portion of the space has been sub-leased to Telecare Corporation for use by their programs. Both the County's lease and the Telecare sub-lease contain a standard "funding out" provision for any future loss of funding.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

The co-location of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services programs, those administered by Telecare Corporation, and the consumer and family member advocacy organizations addresses the Board of Supervisors' priority of *Efficient delivery of public services* by allowing clients to more readily access services and by allowing programs to share resources, including clerical support, physician services and transportation services.

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**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.