

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

DEPT: Behavioral Health And Recovery Services BOARD AGENDA #: \*B-1

AGENDA DATE: June 14, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Second Contract Amendment to the Agreement with AspiraNet for the Provision of Psychiatric Hospital Diversion and Crisis Intervention to Children and Adolescents for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2016-293

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended


2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

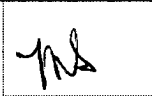
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ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
AGENDA ITEM**

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CEO CONCURRENCE: pht 4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve a second amendment to the agreement with AspiraNet for the provision of psychiatric hospital diversion and crisis intervention to children and adolescents for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
2. Authorize the Behavioral Health Director, or designee, to sign the amendment to the agreement with AspiraNet for the provision of psychiatric hospital diversion and crisis intervention to children and adolescents for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

**DISCUSSION:**

In 2012, the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), Doctor's Medical Center and other stakeholders met to focus on capacity issues and the growing need for psychiatric inpatient services in Stanislaus County. This effort resulted in a Strategic Plan for 24/7 secure mental health services for adult patients. Simultaneously, BHRS Children's System of Care staff and partners began evaluating the increase in the hospitalization needs of children and adolescents.

The availability of in-patient facilities in California that accept children and adolescents is extremely limited. The closest facilities are in the Bay Area, Sacramento or Bakersfield, resulting in the need to transport the child in crisis via ambulance to another county. This causes additional stress on the children/adolescents and their families who must travel out of the area. Additionally, due to the limited access, there is often a long wait in the Emergency Department (ED) for a bed to become available, thus impacting both the family and the hospital.

In an effort to reduce the amount of time a child/adolescent spends in the ED and to avoid a potential hospitalization, the Department contracts with AspiraNet to provide hospital diversion and crisis intervention services to the children who present at local EDs, while the youth is in the ED. Under the current agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 19, 2015, AspiraNet provides very short-term crisis intervention services with the goal of eliminating a hospital admission. Once the youth is stabilized and no longer meets the criteria for an involuntary hospitalization, AspiraNet provides step down services to support the child's ongoing needs through intensive home-based services and connections to appropriate

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outpatient programs. Of the 997 children who were seen by AspiraNet for the period July 2015-April 2016, only 514 were eventually hospitalized, a 48% aversion rate.

Unfortunately, the number of children who are seen in emergency rooms continues to rise statewide. In Stanislaus County, children seen by AspiraNet has more than doubled from 62 in December 2015 to over 100 in the first four months of 2016. As a result of this contact, many are being averted, with an average rate 70% for March and April 2016.

BHRS has been working with AspiraNet to increase the volume of their intensive outpatient services to help mitigate further crises and potential high-cost readmissions. This amendment will enable AspiraNet to add staff to connect with families more quickly, as well as provide additional wraparound services to maintain the child safely in his or her own home.

On December 15, 2015, the Board of Supervisors amended the agreement with AspiraNet for the provision of the Child/Adolescent Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) services, once a site is in place for this service. This present contract only allows the AspiraNet staff to perform the brief crisis intervention services in the ED. It is anticipated that AspiraNet will collocate the staff performing this hospital diversion with the staff providing the services in the CIP. This will allow them to do a full assessment of the individuals who are eventually stabilized in the CIP, reducing delays in making outpatient referrals.

BHRS is requesting to increase the contract for the balance of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 by \$150,000. The Department has identified savings in other agreements with AspiraNet that can be used fund this amendment. No additional appropriations or revenue is needed.

### **POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval of this agenda item ensures uninterrupted diversion services which reduces stays for minors in the busy Emergency Departments of hospitals and provides discharge strategies to prevent a return to the EDs. Providing appropriate interventions in a timely manner is good health care policy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, this amendment will increase the contract with AspiraNet by \$150,000, for a total contract maximum of \$1,394,344. The agreement is funded by Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation and 2011 Realignment funding. BHRS has identified savings within other funded contracts with AspiraNet that are being under-utilized that can be used to fund this agreement. There are no additional appropriation or revenue increases associated with this request.

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<b>Cost of recommended action:</b>		\$	150,000
<b>Source(s) of Funding:</b>			
2011 Realignment	\$150,000		
<b>Funding Total:</b>		\$	150,000
<b>Net Cost to County General Fund</b>		\$	-

<b>Fiscal Year:</b>	2015-2016
<b>Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:</b>	No

**Fund Balance as of April 30, 2016**  
 Behavioral Health and Recovery Services \$9,752,603

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

The recommended actions support the Board's priorities of A Healthy Community, Effective Partnerships, and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by contracting with mental health providers to deliver the needed services at an appropriate level of care in the most cost effective manner.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Existing staff are available to support this request.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Madelyn Schlaepfer, PhD, Behavioral Health Director Telephone: (209) 525-6225

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Contract Amendment

# Attachment 1

## **SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROVIDER AGREEMENT**

This Amendment is made and entered into in the City of Modesto, State of California, by and between the County of Stanislaus (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and Aspiranet, a California Non-profit Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), effective the date of the last signature, for and in consideration of the premises, and the mutual promises, covenants, terms, and conditions hereinafter contained.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor entered into an agreement dated July 1, 2015 to provide psychiatric hospital diversion and crisis intervention to children and adolescents who are referred to County's Community Emergency Response Team, as part of the Stabilization Program; and

WHEREAS, County and Contractor amended the Agreement on December 21, 2015 to add a Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the need for services to prevent children and youth from being admitted to psychiatric hospitals and Contractor is projected to exceed the contract maximum amount for the Stabilization Program for this fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, terms, and conditions hereinafter contained, the Agreement is amended a second time, increasing the contract maximum amount for the Stabilization Program by \$150,000, from \$613,283 to \$763,283 and increasing the total contract maximum amount from \$1,244,344 to \$1,394,344. This amendment is incorporated into the Agreement as follows:

- I. Revised Exhibit A, Item 4.2 under Section 4, Billing and Payment, is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - 4.2 In consideration of Contractor's provision of services required under this Agreement, County shall reimburse Contractor for costs associated with operating the Stabilization Program an amount not to exceed \$763,283 for salaries, benefits and other operating costs.
  
- II. Revised Exhibit A, Item 4.4 under Section 4, Billing and Payment, is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - 4.4 In consideration of Contractor's provision of services required under the terms of this Agreement, County shall reimburse Contractor an amount not to exceed the Contract Maximum of \$1,394,344 for salaries, benefits and other operating costs for both the Stabilization Program and the Crisis Intervention Program.
  
- III. Revised Exhibit A, Item 4.7 under Section 4, Billing and Payment, is deleted and replaced with the following:
  - 4.7 County shall reimburse Contractor for any undisputed invoices, which County and Contractor agree represent the costs of delivering the services required under this Agreement for the period covered by the invoice, within 30 days of invoice receipt. Contractor agrees that the monthly invoices represent an

estimate of the actual program costs and not a final settlement for the costs of delivering the services under the terms of this Agreement. Contractor understands that the maximum amount to be paid by the County during the term of the Agreement is \$763,283 for the Stabilization Program. Contractor shall manage the program operations and program costs to ensure the provision of services for the full term of this Agreement.

IV. Revised Exhibit A, Item 4.8 under Section 4, Billing and Payment, is deleted and replaced with the following:

4.8 Contractor is expected to generate a minimum of \$100,000 in Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP), which is in part the basis for funding the Stabilization Program. The Net County Cost for the provision of services under the terms of this Agreement shall be \$663,283, which is calculated by subtracting the FFP of \$100,000 from the Stabilization Program contract maximum of \$763,283.

V. All other terms and conditions of said Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(SIGNATURES SET FORTH ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment on the date(s) shown below.

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**ASPIRANET**

*Madelyn Schlaepfer* *6-20-2016*  
Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D. Date  
Behavioral Health Director

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Vernon Brown, MPA Date  
Chief Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
John P. Doering, County Counsel

*Marc Hartley*  
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Deputy County Counsel

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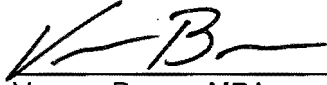


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**ASPIRANET**

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Madelyn Schlaepfer, Ph.D.                      Date  
Behavioral Health Director

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Vernon Brown, MPA                                      Date  
Chief Executive Officer

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