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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street  
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**SUBJECT: APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2024 SERVICES-AS-NEEDED CONTRACT WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH FORENSIC DIVERSION AND REENTRY FULL-SERVICE PARTNERSHIP SERVICES, AND AN INCREASE IN THE SERVICES-AS-NEEDED POOLED ALLOCATION OF \$1,220,021**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Approve an amendment to the Services-As-Needed Master Contract (Master Contract No. 902147) for the provision of Full-Service Partnership services for the period 7/1/23 – 6/30/24, increasing the total pooled not to exceed amount from \$33,501,242 to \$34,721,263 (\$1,220,021 increase);
  1. Approve a new Services-As-Needed contract with Bay Area Community Services, Inc. (Master Contract No. 902147, Procurement Contract No. 26089; Principal: Jaime Almanza; Location: Oakland) to provide Transitional Age Youth Forensic Diversion and Reentry Full-Service Partnership Services, as a result of a competitive procurement, for the contract period 10/1/2023 – 6/30/2024;
- 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; and
- C. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the related budget adjustments in the amount of \$471,555.

**DISCUSSION/ SUMMARY**

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) is requesting to add a new Services-As-Needed (SAN) contract with Bay Area Community Services, Inc. (BACS) to implement a Full-Service Partnership (FSP); Recovery, Independence with Support and Engagement (RISE). The program will serve Transition Age Youth (TAY) who have frequent contacts with the criminal justice system and experience substantial mental health barriers that place them at imminent risk of further decompensation without treatment.

FSPs offer an array of outpatient and mental health services using a “whatever it takes” philosophy providing the most intensive level of outpatient services to support individuals with the highest needs to prevent decompensation and homelessness, and ensure clients remain in the community and out of institutional

settings. These programs utilize the evidence-based practice (EBP) Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model that is client and family-driven emphasizing the partnership between the provider and the client individualized services that are tailored to identify a client’s readiness for change and empower the client to achieve their wellness goals.

The implementation of the RISE FSP program addresses the growing need for connective after-care services for TAY cycling through the Juvenile Justice Center or Santa Rita Jail. The goal of this program is to provide clinical support and intervention post-release to support TAY as they transition back into the community and prevent recidivism. The FSP will also utilize other EBPs including Individual Placement and Support (IPS) employment services and, more specifically, the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT), an intervention model intended to bridge behavioral health and criminal justice systems. FACT builds on the ACT model by making adaptations based on criminal justice issues and complex needs often under-managed and further complicated by varying degrees of involvement with the criminal justice system.

In alignment with your Board’s directive to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders in jail, ACBH developed the Forensic Behavioral Health System Redesign & Plan (The Forensic Plan) informed by the work of the Justice Involved Mental Health Task Force and Alameda County Forensic Report. The Forensic Plan outlines investments in services to be provided at ‘Intercepts’ to address behavioral health conditions, prevent incarceration and facilitate successful re-entry while reducing recidivism. This FSP is one of the programs to deliver re-entry services and provide community corrections and supports.

Your Board’s approval will allow BACS to deliver specialized services for 50 justice involved TAY that align with The Forensic Plan and ACBH’s commitment to improving treatment, prevention, intervention, and re-entry services to young adults ages 18-24 years old who are experiencing SMI and emotional and psychological distress. ACBH is requesting delegated authority aligning with the Community-Based Organization master contract process to help process this time-sensitive new contract with approval as to form by County Counsel

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

*ACBH released Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 23-01 on February 17, 2023, for the TAY Forensic, Diversion and Reentry FSP. The RFP was advertised for 37 days using the General Services Agency (GSA) Guidelines by posting on the ACBH and GSA websites. In addition, a courtesy email was sent to ACBH’s contracted providers and other ACBH contacts via existing email distribution lists, including Small, Local, or Emerging Businesses (SLEBs). ACBH held two Bidders’ Conferences on March 7, 2023, and March 8, 2023, with attendance from six agencies.*

*A county selection committee consisting of seven subject matter experts from ACBH, Santa Clara County, Shasta County, and Orange County conducted an evaluation of the five bids on May 17, 2023. Oral interviews were held on May 18, 2023. Of the five bids received, two did not meet the minimum qualifications of demonstrating sufficient and relevant experience and were subsequently disqualified. The table below summarizes the results of this competitive bidding process and the evaluation panel’s recommendation of BACS for this contract award.*

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Certified, Small, Local or Emerging Business (SLEB)</b>	<b>Score</b>
BACS	No	379
Subacute Treatment for Adolescent Rehabilitation Services, Inc., aka S.T.A.R.S., Inc., dba Stars Community Services	No	364
Telecare Corporation	No	339
Ms. Bev’s Addiction Counseling and Consulting Services	Disqualified	

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Certified, Small, Local or Emerging Business (SLEB)</b>	<b>Score</b>
Quest Programs Inc.	Disqualified	

On May 30, 2023, the bidders were notified via email of the Evaluation Panel’s recommendations. There was no bid protest or appeal submitted for this competitive bidding process. As a nonprofit, community-based organization, BACS is exempt from the requirements of the County’s SLEB program.

**FINANCING**

Appropriations for the augmentation are funded by Mental Health Services Act (\$748,466) funds already included in the ACBH FY 2023-24 Approved Budget and a budget adjustment is requested for Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (\$471,555) per the attached financial recommendation. Approval of this recommendation will have no impact on net County costs.

**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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