



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 21, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services

Subject: Contract: Berkeley Unified School District – Mental Health Career Pathways Program - Mental Health Services Act, Workforce, Education & Training (WET)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) to support a Mental Health Career Pathways program for High School youth utilizing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce, Education & Training (WET) funds, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,000 through June 30, 2014, and to renew the contract annually for up to an additional three years contingent upon satisfactory contract performance and the availability of external funding.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding from MHSA revenue received from the State of California is available in the 2014 budget. The funding is budgeted in the following FY 2014 budget code: Workforce, Education and Training \$7,000 in 063-4408-440.35-10. This contract has been entered into the citywide contract management system database and assigned the following CMS No. L113R.

CURRENT SITUATION

The City Council approved MHSA FY 2012-2013 Annual Update, outlined among other things, programs and services for the uses of WET funds, which are primarily intended to be used on programs that identify and remedy mental health occupational shortages in the workforce. This includes strategies to recruit high school students for mental health occupations, and increasing the prevalence of mental health professions in High School Career Development programs.

One of the WET programs included in the approved MHSA FY2012-2013 Annual Plan Update allocates \$7,000 to implement a Mental Health Career Pathways program for High School youth. The contractor, BUSD, will develop and implement a curriculum for High School youth in an effort to de-stigmatize the use of mental health services and to increase student awareness of careers in the mental health field. The curriculum will be piloted in the spring of 2014 through an Interdisciplinary Project in which students will

explore the field of mental health as it applies to their community and themselves. Following the initial timeframe the project will be assessed for effectiveness, and appropriate changes will be made to the curriculum as needed.

BACKGROUND

Since the passage of Proposition 63 in 2004, the Health, Housing & Community Services Department, Mental Health Division, has received MHSA funds which are utilized to expand and transform the mental health service delivery system to better meet the needs of underserved and inappropriately served communities, among others. This initiative has provided new opportunities for the Mental Health Division to further develop and expand its system of care, adding new programs to the divisions own program and utilizing non-profit providers and school districts in the planning and delivery of comprehensive mental health services.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The contractor possesses the unique capabilities of having access and providing programming to the specified target population, and the ability to effectively coordinate with the Mental Health Division and other community resources.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No other alternative actions were considered.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

CONTRACT: BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A MENTAL HEALTH CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Health, Housing & Community Services, Mental Health Division, currently receives Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce, Education, and Training (WET) funds to, among other things, remedy occupational shortages in the mental health workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Division works in partnership with community-based agencies and school districts to implement strategies to reduce mental health workforce occupational shortages; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved MHSA FY 2012-2013 Annual Plan Update includes the use of \$7,000 of WET funds to implement a Mental Health Career Pathways program to increase the interest of high school students in pursuing a career in the mental health field; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District will develop and pilot test a curriculum for High School youth that will de-stigmatize the use of mental health services and will increase students interest in and awareness of careers in the mental health profession; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY 2014 budget in the Mental Health Services Act Fund, budget code: 63-4408-440.35-10, and the contract has been entered into the citywide contracts database and assigned CMS No. L113R.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Berkeley Unified School District to provide a Mental Health Career Pathway programs for youth, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,000 through the term June 30, 2014. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is to be renewed annually for up to an additional three years (through June 30, 2017) contingent upon satisfactory contract performance and the availability of external funding.

