



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 18, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Fred Medrano, Director, Health & Human Services

Subject: Contract Amendment: Mental Health Vocational Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Rubicon Programs, Inc. (No. 6642), for the continued provision of vocational services to mental health clients and to increase the contract amount by \$31,057, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$79,057.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The recommended contract amendment totals \$31,057 and is funded equally by FY 2008 Proposition 63 State Mental Health Services Act funds and State Realignment matching funds. Expenditure Budget Code: 063-4401-440.35-10 in the amount of \$15,528 and Expenditure Budget Code: 065-4401-440.35-10 in the amount of \$15,529. This contract amendment has been entered into the City's contract database and assigned Contract Management System number J2STU.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Mental Health Division has achieved noteworthy outcomes in providing intensive clinical services and housing to the identified target population. More work, however, is needed in the area of achieving vocational outcomes consistent with a wellness, recovery model.

It is recommended that the current contract with Rubicon Programs, Inc. be amended in the amount of \$31,057 for the continued provision of a range of vocational services, including job counseling, preparation, training, placement and retention. For the period July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 services will be funded in the amount of \$4,000 monthly. An additional amount of \$7,057 has been added to this proposed contract amendment to cover a portion of unanticipated staffing costs incurred by Rubicon Programs in the provision of specified vocational services during the current contract term, that were brought to the Mental Health Division's attention in the late spring of 2007.

During this period, the Mental Health Division will also continue to collaborate with the California Department of Rehabilitation to identify existing clients who can be best served by available vocational programs at this agency. It is anticipated that with the recent addition of an Employment Coordinator, the Mental Health Division will identify available resources and develop a plan to more fully serve the vocational needs of current mental health clients.

### BACKGROUND

Vocational services are an important component of a recovery-oriented mental health system. Rubicon Programs, Inc. has expertise and resources that will enhance vocational services and outcomes for Mental Health Division clients. Clients enrolled in the MESA program as well as other clients will have access to Rubicon's programs.

### PAST COUNCIL ACTIONS

In August 2004, a Request for Proposals ("RFP") was issued for vocational services. Although two bids were received, neither proposal met the standard of services necessary for clients then served by the AB 2034 program. The RFP was reissued in December 2004 and closed January 4, 2005. The Rubicon Programs, Inc. proposal was selected consistent with the review criteria outlined in the RFP and was found to be comprehensive and responsive to the Division's specific vocational needs. This organization demonstrated broad experience and capacity to provide the required continuum of vocational services.

On March 15, 2005 by Resolution No. 62,836-N.S., the City Council authorized Contract No. 6642 with Rubicon Programs, Inc. for the provision of vocational services to mental health clients in the amount of \$48,000 through June 30, 2006. Prior to contract expiration, this contract was extended until June 30, 2007; subsequently it was again extended until June 30, 2008.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that vocational services to mental health clients continue on an uninterrupted basis. This contract with Rubicon Programs, Inc., competitively awarded via an issued RFP, will enable the Mental Health Division to meet identified vocational outcomes as well as to more broadly serve the vocational needs of existing Mental Health clients.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None, although continued collaboration with the California Department of Rehabilitation may provide additional no-fee programs and resources to Mental Health clients.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.     -- N.S.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: CONTRACT 6642 WITH RUBICON PROGRAMS FOR VOCATIONAL SERVICES TO MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

WHEREAS, vocational services are an essential component of a recovery-oriented public mental health system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley strives to provide comprehensive mental health services that address the multiple needs of its clients; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2005, Council authorized Contract No. 6642 in the amount of \$48,000 with Rubicon Programs, Inc. for vocational services following the issuance of a Request for Proposals. On two subsequent occasions, this original contract was extended—currently through June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Division seeks to continue such vocational services via an amendment to the existing contract in the additional amount of \$31,057 for services through December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, State Mental Health Services Act funds (063-4401-440.35-10) and Realignment funds (065-4401-440.35-10) are available for purposes of funding this contract amendment, for a total not to exceed amount of \$70,057 and the contract amendment has been entered into the City's contract database and assigned Contract Management System number J2STU.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the contract with Rubicon Programs, Inc. for the continued provision of vocational services to mental health clients in an amount of \$31,057, for a not to exceed contract amount of \$79,057. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendment to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.