



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: September 13, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Workforce Education and Training/Southern Counties Regional Partnership Service Contract – Events Enterprises, Inc.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Events Enterprises, Inc.** (not a local vendor), for planning and overall event coordination of Workforce Education and Training (WET)/Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) Mental Health conference, *Difficult to Engage, Difficult to Reach Populations*, for a total contract maximum not to exceed **\$150,000** for the period August 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- B. Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Summary Text:

The SCRCP consists of the mental health departments for the counties of Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura, as well as the Tri-City region (Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona).

On December 2, 2014, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors authorized and approved Behavioral Wellness' agreement with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to be the fiscal and administrative agent for SCRCP activities for the period of December 2, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness, as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP, to contract for mental health workforce education and training presented at SCRCP's annual conference as approved by the SCRCP members, to carry out the intent of the WET/SCRCP Agreement, with funds provided by OSHPD.

Background:

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires each county mental health department to develop a local Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan, and to participate in regional partnerships among the mental health system and the educational system to expand outreach to multicultural communities, increase the diversity of the mental health workforce, reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and to promote the use of web-based technologies, and distance learning techniques. Five Regional Partnerships have been formed under WET throughout the State.

As the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP for 2014-2017, Santa Barbara County will be responsible for negotiating and monitoring contracts and projects during that period that achieve the Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD for 2014-2019:

- **Goal #1:** Increase the number of diverse, qualified individuals in the public mental health system workforce to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals to provide services to address severe mental illness.
- **Goal #2:** Expand the capacity of California's incumbent public mental health workforce to meet California diverse and dynamic needs.
- **Goal #3:** Facilitate a robust statewide, regional, and local infrastructure to develop the public mental health workforce.

The desired outcome of the SCRCP *Difficult to Engage, Difficult to Reach Populations* conference is increased excellence in the quality of care provided to individuals, family members and stakeholders served by the member-agencies that comprise SCRCP. The conference was approved by a majority of the SCRCP members at the August 5, 2015 coordinators meeting. Approval will allow Behavioral Wellness to develop and implement mental healthcare workforce development strategies that align with the WET Five-Year Plan 2014-2019 goals.

Performance Measure:

This is a new contract and specific, measureable targets for performance are not available.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The County will be paid by OSHPD for services rendered upon completion of the deliverables specified in the Agreement, as follows:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 16-17 Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 150,000		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The Agreement with OSHPD is for \$4,047,349 for October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. The Department of Behavioral Wellness has slightly more than \$1.1 million for FY 15-16 and \$1.3 million for FY 2016-17.

The contract will utilize \$150,000 of the remaining designated funds of \$2,600,000 set aside for SCRP regional programs to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD and approved by the member counties.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Even with these measures, there is the risk that the State will disallow units of service or determine costs to be non-allowable, resulting in repayment. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete copy of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to: dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

Attachment A: events! FY 16-17 SCRP BC

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