



**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: November 16, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Pamela Fisher, Psy.D., Acting Director
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, 805- 681-5220
Contact Info: John Winckler, LMFT, Division Chief of Clinical Operations
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SUBJECT: Department of Behavioral Wellness – State Department of Rehabilitation
Agreement FY 21-24

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Risk Management

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the Resolution in the Matter of Authorization to Execute a Cash Transfer Agreement with the State Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), which approves, ratifies, and authorizes the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute Agreement No. 31835 with the DOR to coordinate vocational rehabilitation services for a Cash Match of \$261,990 during the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024;
- B. Delegate to the Director of Behavioral Wellness the authority to execute documents required by the State DOR to carry out the multi-year Agreement, including the contract certification, any data records required, and any subsequent amendments that do not materially change the terms of the grant, including but not limited to, the amount or term of the grant, subject to review and concurrence by County Counsel, Risk Management, and/or Auditor-Controller as appropriate, and subject to the Board’s authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The above referenced item is on the agenda to request approval to allow the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute Agreement No. 31835 with DOR and to allow the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute documents required by DOR to carry out the multi-year Agreement. Behavioral Wellness has participated in a cooperative with DOR since 1998 and it has been ongoing to date. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to partner with DOR in a cooperative agreement which allows DOR to leverage Behavioral Wellness’ staff time to secure federal funding and provide employment services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness.

Background:

Behavioral Wellness provides specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Santa Barbara County. Some clients are also eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation services from the State Department of Rehabilitation. This cooperative agreement allows DOR to secure federal funding by leveraging Behavioral Wellness staff time spent providing mental health services to individuals served by both agencies. The clients receive services from Behavioral Wellness regardless of the Department’s participation in this Agreement. An important aspect of client recovery is gaining and maintaining employment and the employment supports and services offered to Behavioral Wellness clients through this program are integral to their recovery process.

Under the previous contract, Behavioral Wellness Rehabilitation Specialists worked closely with DOR Rehabilitation Counselors who provided employment services and supports to eligible Behavioral Wellness clients. Under the current contract, Behavioral Wellness will be paying DOR to perform these services. Services include vocational assessment, education, job placement, supported employment, job coaching, and benefits counseling. DOR also provides funding for local Community Based Organizations who assist clients with resume writing and enhancing job interview skills, reducing barriers to work, and links clients with other community resources. Typically, there are over 200 Behavioral Wellness clients receiving services through this cooperative agreement at any one time.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
State		\$ -	\$ -		
Federal	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00		
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Other:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00		

Narrative: This is a Cash Match agreement. The Department of Behavioral Wellness will pay \$87,330 per year as the State match.

Key Contract Risks:

The Agreement includes a budget contingency clause states that the Agreement is enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to DOR by the Federal Government. It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, the Agreement will be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

Special Instructions:

Please return one scanned (1) Minute Order as well as one (1) copy of the fully executed Board Resolution to abello@sbcbswell.org

Attachments:

Attachment A: FY 21-24 State Department of Rehabilitation Agreement

Attachment B: Board Resolution

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