



**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 5, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT: Events Enterprises, Inc. Agreement for Event Planning and Coordination Services for FY 2024-2026**

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller 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 the Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) 2025 and 2026 Conferences and SCRП 2025 Strategic Planning Session for a maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$647,850** for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26, all without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board’s approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request approval of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Events Enterprises, Inc. (Events) for the provision of the coordination and planning services for the Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) 2025 and 2026 Conferences, and the SCR Strategic Planning Meeting 2025 for a contract maximum of \$647,850 for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

**Background:**

Five Regional Partnerships have been formed under the Workforce Education and Training (WET) program throughout the State. The Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) consists of a partnership of 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 an agreement with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) and the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to serve as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCR and execute the initial MOU with the SCR counties to implement WET initiatives. In May 2020, BWell was nominated by the SCR to continue as the fiscal and administrative agent for the OSHPD grant through 2026. On January 12, 2021, this agreement was modified and extended to incorporate additional grant funds for the SCR from OSHPD through the Grant Agreement No. 20-10018 for a new total grant funding of \$15,340,829 and extending the contract to include the period of February 15, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

In July 2021, AB 133 Section 31 added §127002 to the Health and Safety code wherein “Any reference to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall be deemed a reference to the Department of Health Care Access and Information.” Therefore, references to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (“OSHPD”) in this Agreement shall be deemed a reference to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (“HCAI”).

As the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCR through June 30, 2026, the County is responsible for negotiating and monitoring contracts and projects during that period to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD for 2021- 2026.

- **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’s diverse and dynamic needs.
- **Goal #3:** Facilitate a robust statewide, regional, and local infrastructure to develop the public mental health workforce.

**Events Enterprises, Inc.** – On behalf of SCR, BWell has worked with Events Enterprises, Inc. (Events) since 2016. The requested action is a renewal of Board Contract (BC 23-001), which expired on June 30, 2024. Events will be planning and coordinating the SCR 2025 and 2026 Conferences for the goals of increasing the excellence in the quality of care provided to individuals, family members, and stakeholders served by the member agencies that comprise the SCR. Specific strategies to support engagement and interventions will be presented to enhance the

competency of the county staff that attend the conference. Events will also be coordinating a Strategic Planning Conference for SCRCP members in 2025. The goals of this meeting are to conduct strategic planning process, review the grant goals, project deliverables, and budget timelines/expectations to support decision-making for the remainder of the grant period. This will support full expenditure of grant funds by deadline.

This Board Contract will be retroactive to the start of the fiscal year, July 1, 2024. The delay in presenting this Board Contract to the BOS was due to unforeseen process and internal review delays.

**Program Outcomes**

Events completed all coordination tasks and activities for all conferences for FY 23-24. The desired outcome of the annual SCRCP conferences is to increase the quality of care provided to individuals, family members, and stakeholders served by the member agencies that comprise the SCRCP. The desired outcome of the Clinical Supervision Conference was to enhance competency in clinical supervision skills and expand the capacity of clinical supervision. Participant evaluations were collected after all events and ratings by attendees were high in response to objectives being met. The three (3) events provided enhanced competency for staff regarding cultural responsiveness, clinical supervision knowledge and skills, and strategies for interventions and engagement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes. The OSHPD SCRCP funding is in the Behavioral Wellness approved budget for FY 2024-2025. It will be included in the Recommended Budget for FY 2025-2026.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Cost:</b>	<b>FY 25-26 Cost:</b>	
General Fund			
State	\$ 323,925	\$ 323,925	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 323,925	\$ 323,925	
Grand Total			\$ 647,850

Narrative: Behavioral Wellness has a total budget of \$15,340,829 to administer and implement the SCRCP’s Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD for 2021-2026. This grant total includes a small amount of local matching funds from Behavioral Wellness, as well as, from the other nine (9) counties in the partnership in order to implement the workforce development projects identified in the grant application. This contract will utilize \$647,850 of the designated funds from this grant which are set aside for SCRCP regional programs to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals, and the expenditure for these services has been approved by the member counties. The funding for the Events Enterprises, Inc. agreement does not impact any other county funding or budget. The Events budget for the Strategic Planning Session and two Partnership Conferences includes planning and coordination, speaker’s fees, hotel accommodations, meeting rooms, banquet fees, printing, and other related event costs.

**Key Contract Risks:**

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As with any contract funded by state sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Events Enterprises, Inc. FY 2024-2026 Board Contract

**Special Instructions:**

Please email one (1) complete, signed Board Contract and one (1) Minute Order to M. Simon-Gersuk at [msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org](mailto:msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org) and to [bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

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