



**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: June 4, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220
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SUBJECT: John Onssy Anis, M.D. FY 24–25 Renewal Contractor on Payroll Services Agreement

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 and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Contractor on Payroll with **John Onssy Anis, M.D.**, for the provision of medical support services for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed **\$40,000.00**; and
- b) Determine that the above action is a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides specialty mental health services to adults with mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances, in part through contracted providers, including Contractors on Payroll (COP). The above-referenced contract is a renewal of an existing COP contract with Dr. Anis and complies with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy, approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015. Approval of the contract will ensure the continued provision of critical services in the County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) throughout FY 24-25, including the provision of internal medical duties and complete medical histories and physicals,

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the prescription of medication and treatments, the ordering of tests, the review of clinical records, and the providing of evaluations.

Background:

BWell has experienced continued difficulty recruiting and retaining individuals who are certified and licensed to provide specialty and ancillary mental health services. Although the County maintains ongoing recruitment for these professionals, it rarely produces enough qualified candidates to meet departmental needs. A COP helps to bridge the gap in mental health treatment capacity.

John Onssy Anis, M.D. will provide back-up Internal Medicine duties and coverage, on-call and as scheduled or as needed, for the current BWell PHF which shall include: (a) Completing medical histories and physicals for PHF patients within twenty-four (24) hours of admittance and providing follow-up medical care; (b) Prescribing medication and treatment, and ordering tests; (c) Reviewing PHF patients' clinical records; and (d) Remaining "on-call" and available to provide evaluations after on-site Internal Medicine duties have concluded for the day, unless otherwise agreed with County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 24-25	
General Fund		
Federal	\$	20,000
State	\$	20,000
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$	40,000

Narrative: The contract is funded by a combination of Federal and State revenue (Medi-Cal/Realignment Funds). The proposed Contractor on Payroll expenditures budget has been included in the FY 24-25 Recommended Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future Medi-Cal audit disallowances. However, BWell provides training to contractors to minimize financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy the above contract to mpurvis@sbcbwell.org, bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbwell.org, and Stefan Brewer, Employment and Workforce Planning Division, Human Resources Department at SBrewer@SBcountyhr.org

Attachments:

Attachment A: John Onssy Anis, M.D. FY 24-25 Contractor on Payroll Agreement

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