



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:** February 28, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director  
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220  
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director  
**SUBJECT:** Barton Associates FY 15-17 Amendment 1

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

**That the Board of Supervisors:**

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Amendment for Services of Independent Contractor with **Barton Associates** (not a local vendor), to increase the maximum contract amount for Fiscal Year 16-17 by \$800,000, to allow for payment for continued locum tenens psychiatry services, for a total contact amount not to exceed \$1,920,000 for the period December 9, 2015 through June 30, 2017.
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially 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 Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, including (tele)psychiatric and nursing services at its County facilities. Behavioral Wellness uses temporary staffing agencies to provide locum tenens psychiatrists, telepsychiatrists, physician assistants and nurses to backfill staffing shortages in budgeted positions, ensuring client access to care in a timely manner.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated and greatly needed psychiatry and nursing services in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas without disruption of services.

**Background:**

Behavioral Wellness currently uses locum tenens temporary physicians to fill ongoing needs for psychiatric staff at outpatient facilities. Barton Associates provides temporary psychiatrists, nurse practitioners and physician’s assistants to backfill vacancies at the Psychiatric Health Facility, Behavioral Wellness clinics, and at other Behavioral Wellness programs as needed.

Due to ongoing shortages of psychiatrists, Behavioral Wellness has had to continue to contract with locum tenens. During Fiscal Year 16-17, ten (10) medical providers from Barton Associates have worked for Behavioral Wellness. Eight of those providers are anticipated to continue until the end of the fiscal year.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 16-17</u></b>
General Fund	
State	\$ 750,000.00
Federal	\$ 750,000.00
Fees	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,500,000.00

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2016-2017 Adopted Budget and are paid through salary savings.

**Key Contract Risks:**

With any contractor providing temporary staffing services, there is a risk that temporary personnel will make errors, engage in misconduct, or be negligent in performance of assigned duties. Each of the contracts allows Behavioral Wellness to terminate individual temporary staff for cause, and requires that the agency provide Professional Liability insurance to mitigate these risks.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) minute order and one (1) copy of the executed signature page to qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Barton Associates FY 15-17 Am 1

Barton Associates FY 16-17 Amendment 1

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Attachment B: Barton Associates FY 15-17 BC 17-083

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