



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: June 3, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Services Agreement with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People for Substance Use Prevention Services and Prevention and Early Intervention Mental Health Services for Fiscal Year 2023–27

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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (BC #23-063) with **Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP)** (a local vendor) to update certain standard terms and federal award identification information in compliance with state and federal requirements; terminate the current Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Services program (Exhibit A-2), ending December 31, 2024; add a revised MHSA PEI Services program (Exhibit A-2.a), commencing January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; update the Entity Budget by Program table (Exhibit B-2); and reduce the contract amount by \$103,200 for a revised, total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$1,015,464**, inclusive of \$376,800 in Mental Health Services (MHS) funding (\$120,000 for FY 2023-24, \$120,600 for FY 2024-25, and \$136,200 for FY 2025-26), and \$638,664 in Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) funding (\$159,666 per fiscal year for FY 2023-27), with no change to the contract term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027; and

- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This above-referenced item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP)** (BC 23-063), to update certain standard terms and federal award identification information in compliance with state and federal requirements. Additionally, this Amendment requests to terminate the current Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Services program, effective December 31, 2024, and execute a revised MHSA PEI program effective January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This Amendment also requests to update the Entity Budget by Program table and reduce the total contract maximum amount by \$103,200, for a revised total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$1,015,464, with no change to the contract term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

Discussion:

Under the original MHSA PEI Program model (Exhibit A-2), funding was provided for a 1.0 Full Time Employee (FTE) Navigator position for a clinical supervisor. This position provided supervisory services to unpaid interns providing direct member services. The MHSA PEI Program model change effective January 1, 2025 (Exhibit A-2.a), now reflects a position for 1.0 FTE Clinician providing direct treatment services, increasing the Mental Health funding by \$600 for FY 2024-25, and \$26,200 for FY 2025-26. This position reduces the need for coordination services, thereby reducing the Navigator staffing from 1.0 to 0.5 FTE.

The MHSA PEI program will terminate June 30, 2026 in alignment with the ending of MHSA funding, and the adoption of the now Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), effective July 1, 2026. The MHSA PEI Program will be reviewed for eligibility under the new terms and conditions of the BHSA funding and evaluated for future funding.

Background:

SYVPHP has been a contracted provider with BWell for the provision of mental health services for children and families in Santa Ynez Valley since August 3, 2004. On October 2022, the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for two unique community-based primary prevention programs: Community Coalitions and Strengthening Families. SYVPHP was selected to provide Community Coalition program services (Mid County) for FY 2023-2027.

On June 27, 2023, the Board approved the FY 2023-2027 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SYVPHP (BC 23-063), for the provision of substance abuse prevention services and MHSA PEI early childhood mental health services, for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$1,118,664, inclusive of \$480,000 in Mental Health funding (\$120,000 per fiscal year for FY 2023-2027) and \$638,664 in Alcohol and Drug funding (\$159,666 per fiscal year for FY 2023-2027), for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

The MHSA PEI program provided by SYVPHP provides a school-based counseling services mental health program for students up to age 18 in Santa Ynez area and for children aged birth to five (5) years and their families. This program will enhance optimal child health and development, reduce access barriers for underserved populations including vulnerable children from low-income households and children that identify as Black, Indigenous or Persons of Color, and develop a comprehensive, multifaceted, and cohesive continuum of school and community interventions to address barriers to learning and promote the client's healthy development.

Community Coalitions. In addition to the MHSA PEI Program, SYVPHP is also works in collaboration with other Santa Barbara County groups to serve the community in the enhancement of state and local alcohol and drug prevention efforts. SYVPHP serves Mid County, alongside Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV) (North County), and Future Leaders of America (FLA) (South County).

While SYVPHP has seen a trend of increased parent and family engagement in counseling services with a newly implemented intake process and increased wrap around service to counsel client families, reduced staffing has occurred due to program restructuring. This restructuring includes 1.0 FTE Clinician, providing direct services. This position reduces the need for coordination services, thereby reducing the Navigator position from 1.0 to 0.50 FTE.

BWell now requests to amend the Agreement to terminate the current MHSA PEI Services Program effective December 31, 2024 and to add new Statement of Work for the MHSA PEI Program to align with SYVPHP's new intake process and program changes, effective January 1, 2025. Because of changes in staffing, the PEI services program will increase mental health funding for FY 2024-25 and 2025-26. Additionally, this Amendment will terminate the entire MHSA PEI Services Program for SYVPHP, effective June 30, 2026 to align with the new MHSA requirements under Proposition 1.

This amendment also requests to update certain standard terms and conditions in compliance with state and federal requirements, to update the Entity Budget by Program table, to add the Federal Award Identification Tables for FY 2025-2026 and 2026-2027; and to reduce the total contract maximum amount by \$103,200, for a revised total contract maximum amount of **\$1,015,464**, inclusive of \$376,800 in Mental Health funding (\$120,000 for FY 2023-2024, \$120,600 for FY 2024-2025, and \$136,200 for FY 2025-2026), and \$638,664 in ADP funding for (\$159,666 per fiscal year for FY 2023-2027), for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

Performance Measure:

The executed Agreement with SYVPHP has Performance Measures to monitor program implementation. Exhibit E - Program Goals, Outcomes and Measures of the Agreement details the performance expectations of the Contractor.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

BWell first contracted with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People (SYVPHP) for FY 2004-05. The most recent contract with SYVPHP was executed for FY 2023-27 for the provision of substance abuse prevention services and Mental Health Services (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) early childhood mental health services.

Performance Outcome Data from FY 2023-2024:

MHSA PEI Early Childhood Services:

1. **School-Based Counseling PEI Program:** 88 unique clients served. **They met all 3 goals.**
 - a. Parenting education and support groups provided- Goal: 30 per year. Outcome: 30;

- b. Screenings/Assessments to students/families presenting with mental health issues- Goal: 80 per year. Outcome: 163;
- c. Referrals to Family Services Coordinators for Case Management, and linkages/referrals to other needed services provided – Goal: 60 per year. Outcome: 76.

Community Coalition Services:

1. **Cannabis Education Program**: 293 unique clients served. **They met all 3 goals.**
 - a. Adolescent presenters trained- Goal: 4. Outcome: 48;
 - b. Community presentations – Goal: 6. Outcome: 14;
 - c. Persons reached through presentations – Goal: 120. Outcome: 293.
2. **Coalitions**: **Goal met.** Goal: 12 members. Outcome: 57.
3. **Opioid Education Program**: 12,000 unique people reached. **They met all 4 goals.**
 - a. Media outreach purchased – Goal: 12. Outcome: 12;
 - b. Community Presentations – Goal: 12. Outcome: 17;
 - c. Adult & Adolescent feedback from presentations – Goal: 240. Outcome: 262;
 - d. Persons reached through Media – Goal: 8,000. Outcome: 12,000.
4. **Marijuana Education**: 12,000 persons reached through Media. **They met both goals.**
 - a. Media outreach purchased – Goal: 12. Outcome: 15;
 - b. Persons reached through media – Goal: 8,000: Outcome: 12,000.
5. **Underage Drinking Education**: 12,000 persons reached through media. **They met both goals.**
 - a. Media outreach purchased- Goal: 12. Outcome: 12;
 - b. Persons reached through media – Goal: 8,000. Outcome: 12,000.
6. **Excessive Drinking Education**: 12,000 persons reached through media. **They met both goals.**
 - a. Media outreach purchased – Goal: 8. Outcome: 12;
 - b. Persons reached through media – Goal: 6,000. Outcome: 12,000.
7. **Media Campaign Surveys**: **Goal met.** Goal: 50 Collected. Outcome: 156.

Performance Outcome Data from FY 2024-2025, Quarters 1-3:

MHSA PEI School-Based Early Childhood Services:

1. **School-Based Counseling PEI Program**: 35 unique clients serve. **They met 1 of their 3 goals** and projected to meet all 3 goals by end of FY 2024-2025.
 - a. **Met Goals**:
 - i. Linkages/referrals to other needed services provided – Goal: 60 per year. Outcome: 68;
 - b. **Unmet Goals**:
 - i. Parenting education and support groups provided – Goal is 30 per year. Outcome: 8. Projected to meet goal by end of Q4. 16 Q4 sessions scheduled, with an additional 6 pending final schedule.
 - ii. Screenings/Assessments to students/families presenting with mental health issues – Goal: 80 per year. Outcome: 78. Projected to meet goal by end of Q4.

Community Coalition Services: Data is from Q1 and Q2 of FY 2024-25. Many of the outreach and education services are implemented during Alcohol Awareness Month in April and Mental Health Awareness Month in May (Q3 and Q4); however, data for Q3 and Q4 is still pending and therefore several outcome measures are in process.

1. **Cannabis Education Program:** (Quarters 1 & 2) They met 2 of their 3 goals and projected to meet all 3 of their goals by end of FY 2024-2025.
 - a. **Met Goals:**
 - i. Adolescent presenters trained – Goal: 4. Outcome: 20 presenters trained;
 - ii. Community Presentations – Goal: 6. Outcome: 7 presentations completed.
 - b. **Goals in Progress:**
 - i. Persons reached through presentations – Goal: 120. Current Outcome: 50 people reached.
2. **Opioid Education Program:** 1,000 unique clients served. All 4 goals are in progress and are projected to be completed in Q3/Q4 of the fiscal year, which each of the 4 goals partially completed as follows:
 - a. **Goals in Progress:**
 - i. Media outreach purchased- Goal: 12. Current Outcome: 4 purchased;
 - ii. Community Presentations (Opioid Adult Presentation) – Goal: 12. Current Outcome: 7 presentations completed;
 - iii. Adult & Adolescent feedback from presentations – Goal: 240. Current Outcome: 50 feedback surveys received;
 - iv. Persons reached through media – Goal: 8,000. Current Outcome: 1,000 people reached.
3. **Marijuana Education:** 1,000 unique clients served. Both goals are in progress and are projected to be completed in Q3/Q4 of the fiscal year, which each of the goals partially completed as follows:
 - a. **Goals in Progress:**
 - i. Media outreach purchased – Goal: 12. Current Outcome: 4 purchased;
 - ii. Persons reached through media – Goal: 8,000. Current Outcome: 1,000 people reached.
4. **Underage Drinking Education:** 1,000 persons reached through media. Both goals are in progress and are projected to be completed in Q3/Q4 of the fiscal year, which each of the goals partially completed as follows:
 - a. **Goals in Progress:**
 - i. Media outreach purchased – Goal: 8. Current Outcome: 4 purchased;
 - ii. Persons reached through media – Goal: 5,000. Current Outcome: 1,000 people reached.
5. **Media Campaign Surveys:** Goal met. Goal: 40. Outcome: 92 media campaign surveys have been collected.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	Total
General Fund					-
State	\$120,000	\$120,600	\$136,200	-	\$376,800
Federal	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$480,000
Fees					-
Other: County	\$39,666	\$39,666	\$39,666	\$39,666	\$158,664
Total	\$279,666	\$280,666	\$2695,866	\$159,666	\$1,015,464

SVPHP's contract is funded through a combination of State and Federal sources. The mental health portion, totaling \$376,800, is supported by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding. The alcohol and drug program portion, totaling \$638,664, is funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Grant for primary prevention services, along with County funds for Cannabis Education.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, executed Amendment and one (1) Minute Order to Sara Hernandez at sahernandez@sbcbswell.org and to bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People FY 23-27 (BC 23-063) First Amendment

Attachment B – Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People FY 23-27 (BC 23-063), Executed Agreement

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