



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 25, 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, Director
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SUBJECT: Transitions-Mental Health Association (TMHA) FY 23–26 Services Agreement for Lompoc Adult and Older Adult (AOA)-Full Service Partnership (FSP) and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Mental Health Services

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 an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Transitions-Mental Health Association** (not a local vendor) to provide Adult and Older Adult (AOA)-Full Service Partnership (FSP) and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) services in Lompoc for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$ 4,712,875**, inclusive of \$730,525 in one-time, start-up program costs for FY 23-25 and \$1,991,175 in program costs per fiscal year for FY 24-26, for the period of April 29, 2024, through June 30, 2026;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement; make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26; amend program staffing and hours of operation requirements per Exhibit A-5; reallocate funds between funding sources, incorporate new codes and make fee-for-service rate changes or updates, reallocate between contract allocations for the incentive payment, and activate the Contingency Invoicing Plan per Exhibit B; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E of the Agreement, 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 that 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:

This item is on the agenda to request approval to execute an Agreement with Transitions-Mental Health Association (TMHA) to provide Adult and Older Adult (AOA)-Full Service Partnership (FSP) and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) services in Lompoc, for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$4,712,875, inclusive of \$730,525 (one-time FY 23-24 and 24-25 project cost); \$1,991,175 for FY 24-25; and \$1,991,175 for FY 25-26, for the period of April 29, 2024, through June 30, 2026.

Background:

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program

In May 2016, the Board authorized the court-ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program for individuals with mental illness who meet the criteria established by "Laura's Law" (the Assisted Outpatient Demonstration Project Act of 2002, codified at California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 5345 through 5349.5). The AOT Program seeks to improve the quality of life of participants, support them on their path to recovery and wellness, prevent decompensating of symptoms, and prevent incarceration and cycling through acute services (e.g., psychiatric hospitalization).

Lompoc Adult and Older Adult (AOA)-Full Service Partnership (FSP)/Assisted Outpatient Treatment

The Lompoc Adult and Older Adult (AOA)-Full Service Partnership (FSP), formerly known as the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program, is an evidence-based psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation and support service for clients with serious mental illness who demonstrate the need for the most intensive level of nonresidential community service. The Program is designed for adults whose symptoms of mental illness cause, or create high risk for, the most substantial levels of disability and functional impairment.

TMHA to Provide AOA-FSP/AOT Services Following Termination of Merakey Allos Agreement

On May 7, 2024, the Board approved the termination for convenience of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Merakey Allos (BC 21-022), with an effective day of May 16, 2024. In order to provide a seamless transition and continuity of care, Behavioral Wellness (BWell) and Merakey coordinated the wind-down of services with a focus on client care to ensure a smooth transition to a new provider. Behavioral Wellness is returning to the Board to request approval to contract with TMHA, an experienced provider, to cover the balance of Merakey's contract in FY 2023-2024 through June 30, 2026. Effective May 17, 2024, TMHA began providing services to BWell clients.

Performance Measures:

The Agreement contains performance measures in Exhibit E (Program Goals, Outcomes, and Measures) to monitor implementation and improve staff proficiency.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

TMHA FY 24-26 Lompoc AOA-FSP/AOT

Funding Sources	Total One-Time FY 23-24 & 24- 25 Project Cost	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	Total
General Fund				
State	\$ 730,525	\$ 242,360	\$ 242,360	\$ 1,215,245
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other: Medi-Cal Patient Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,748,815	\$ 1,748,815	\$ 3,497,630
Total	\$ 730,525	\$ 1,991,175	\$ 1,991,175	\$ 4,712,875

Narrative:

The above-referenced Agreement is funded by a combination of State and Federal funds. With the transition to California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Payment Reform, the ongoing program cost will primarily be funded with fee-for-service Medi-Cal Patient Revenue with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding covering the local match. There are one-time start up costs associated with the Agreement as detailed in Exhibit B-2. The startup costs will be funded with MHSA funding; however, it's anticipated that these costs will be partially offset with Medi-Cal Patient Revenue as TMHA will continue to deliver service during the transitional startup period.

The funding sources are included in the FY 23-24 Adopted Budget and FY 24-25 Budget. Future year funding will be included in the department's requested budgets, subject to Board approval.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded with State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments through the State's auditing process. The TMHA contract includes language requiring the contractor to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) executed Agreement and one (1) Minute Order to Melanie Johnson at mejohanson@sbcbswell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: TMHA FY 23-26 Lompoc AOA-FSP/AOT Board Contract

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