



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:** January 15, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Vista Pacifica FY 17-19 Second Amendment

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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, ratify and authorize the chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.** (not a local vendor), an Institution for Mental Disease and a Skilled Nursing Facility, to increase the FY 2018-2019 contract by **\$316,000**, for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed **\$1,342,962** for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019;
- B) Approve a Budget Revision Request (BJE #0006089) increasing appropriations of \$316,000 in Behavioral Wellness Mental Health Fund for services and supplies funded by unanticipated Medicare revenue; and
- C) Determine that the recommended actions are not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request an increase in Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.'s ("VPE") FY 18-19 contract by \$316,000 for a total contract maximum not to exceed \$1,342,962 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated mental health, substance use, and ancillary services. The Board previously authorized the County to enter into the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor on May 15, 2018 to increase the contract amount for FY 17-18 by \$113,662 and to extend the term of the Agreement to FY 18-19 for an additional \$300,000 for a total contract maximum not to exceed \$1,026,962 for the for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. Due to an increased demand for inpatient contracted long-term beds, Behavioral Wellness needs to amend Vista Pacifica's contract. This amendment will be funded by unanticipated Medicare Revenue.

**Background:**

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD): Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of services, including inpatient treatment services to best meet the needs of individuals with severe mental illness. IMDs are facilities including hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California and none in Santa Barbara County. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State.

**VPE** has two California facilities: Vista Pacifica Center, located in Jurupa Valley, and Vista Pacifica Convalescent in Riverside. Vista Pacifica Center specializes in geropsychology and offers four levels of service for residents that require high levels of supervision such as those whose behavioral and medical needs include: being absent without leave, extremely verbally aggressive or threatening and abusive towards staff and peers. They also include behaviors such as being suicidal, destroying property, and having severe psychosis which requires frequent redirection, counseling, and behavior modification from staff. Vista Pacifica Convalescent specializes in Alzheimer's Care and offers three levels of care: Level A focuses on residents with chronic mental health diagnosis, with active delusions and hallucinations and/or mood swings. Level B focuses on residents with dual diagnoses of Dementia and chronic mental illness with active psychosis. Level C focuses on residents with chronic mental health illness who are not stable on medications.

In order to project the following year's contract amounts within the Department's budget constraints, Behavioral Wellness examines the current caseload and historical use of IMD facilities. For the first half of the current fiscal year, VPE has consistently held a caseload of 11-13 clients per month. The current funding projections are based on a caseload of 15 clients per month for the second half of the fiscal year.

**Performance Outcomes:**

For the first half of the current fiscal year, VPE has consistently held a caseload of 11-13 clients per month. Behavioral Wellness has recently placed 2 new clients at this facility; therefore the current funding projections are based on a caseload of 15 clients per month for the second half of the fiscal year.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

| <b><u>Funding Sources</u></b> | <b><u>FY 17-18</u></b> | <b><u>FY 18-19</u></b> | <b><u>Total Contract Amount</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| General Fund                  |                        |                        |                                     |
| State                         | \$ 726,962.00          | \$ 616,000.00          |                                     |
| Federal                       |                        |                        |                                     |
| Fees                          |                        |                        |                                     |
| Other:                        |                        |                        |                                     |
| Total                         | \$ 726,962.00          | \$ 616,000.00          | \$ 1,342,962.00                     |

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by State funds.

**Key Contract Risks:**

There is risk that the number of contracted IMD and IMD-alternative beds may increase beyond what the Department has projected. In this case, the Department will return to the Board of Supervisors to request an increase to the contract maximum where needed.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) complete copy of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to: [qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Vista Pacifica FY 17-19 AM 2
- Attachment B: Vista Pacifica FY 17-19 AM 1
- Attachment C: Vista Pacifica FY 17-18 PO to BC
- Attachment D: BRR 0006089

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