



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 20, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

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 2

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 a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Barton Associates** (not a local vendor), for additional locum tenens psychiatry services, to increase the maximum contract amount for Fiscal Year 16-17 by \$545,000 for a new FY 16-17 maximum contract amount not to exceed \$2,045,000, and a new total maximum contact amount not to exceed \$2,465,000 for the period December 9, 2015 through June 30, 2017.
- B. Approve a budget journal entry BJE #0005098 increasing appropriations of \$545,000 in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Services Act Fund, for services and supplies offset by a decrease in salaries and benefits appropriation.
- C. 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 staffing agencies, including Barton Associates. During Fiscal Year 16-17, fifteen (15) medical providers from Barton Associates have worked for Behavioral Wellness. Five of those providers have been hired since the last Amendment approved in February.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 16-17</u>
General Fund	
State	\$ 1,232,500.00
Federal	\$ 1,232,500.00
Fees	
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,465,000.00

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. Approval of the requested Budget Revision Request will not result in any increased General Fund expenditures.

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. The contract 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 2

Attachment B: Barton Associates FY 15-17 Am 1

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

Attachment D: Budget Revision Request #0005098

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