



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: November 16, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Pam Fisher, Psy.D., Acting Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Staffing Contract - Jackson & Coker LocumTenens LLC
FY 2021-2022 First Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Jackson & Coker LocumTenens, LLC** (BC 21-030) (not a local vendor), to update the agreement to add infectious control language for inpatient services in accordance with County, State, and Federal requirements; add hourly rates for inpatient locum tenens staff; and increase the Agreement amount by **\$170,000** for FY 21-22, for a new total Maximum Agreement Value not to exceed **\$820,000** for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to make immaterial changes to the Agreements per Section 25 of the Agreements; amend Exhibit A (Statement of Work) and Exhibit B-1 (Schedule of Fees) of the Agreement to add positions and/or approve rate changes not to exceed 10% of the rate currently stated in Exhibit B-1, subject to the procedures set forth in Exhibit B, Section 2, without returning to the Board with a separate amendment, so long as the total contract maximum is unchanged, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegation at any time; and

- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement to increase the Agreement, approved by the Board in June 22, 2021, to add updated required infectious disease control language for inpatient services, add hourly rates for inpatient locum tenens staff, and increase the Agreement amount by \$170,000, for a new total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed \$820,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) to task Jackson and Coker to refer professionals who can provide mandated and greatly needed psychiatry services for not only outpatient services, but also acute inpatient services within the system of care.

Background:

BeWell provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, including psychiatric and nursing services at its County facilities. Across the nation there is an ongoing shortage of psychiatric and nursing services. BeWell has experienced ongoing challenges that mirrors the national challenges of attracting and retaining qualified psychiatrists to work at BWell facilities.

BeWell currently uses locum tenens temporary physicians to fill ongoing needs for psychiatric staff at outpatient facilities. Locums provides mandated psychiatric services such as diagnostic evaluations; medication evaluations; prescriptions for psychiatric medications; review, revision, and approval of client assessments; and participation in the development, review, revision, and approval of client treatment plans.

Jackson and Coker's locum tenens staff are currently placed at outpatient facilities, and the existing Agreement only defines hourly rates for outpatient staff and it does not include the infectious disease control requirements mandated for inpatient care. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BeWell to utilize qualified locum tenens staff at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), an inpatient facility, and fulfill upcoming need for weekend staff at the PHF. An increase in the Maximum Agreement Value is necessary to accommodate the additional cost of hiring locum tenens staff for the PHF, as the rates for inpatient staff are higher than those of their outpatient counterparts.

Performance Outcomes For FY 21-22, we are currently utilizing two (2) Jackson and Coker professionals consisting of Psychiatrists who are providing services throughout the County at various programs ranging from adult to crisis services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>		<u>FY 21-22 Cost</u>
General Fund		
State	\$	410,000
Federal	\$	410,000
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$	820,000

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources were included in the FY 2021-2022 Adopted Budget.

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 the performance of assigned duties. BeWell may cancel an assignment for cause or convenience, and the contractors provide Professional Liability insurance for the professionals to mitigate these risks. In addition, we pay only the contractors' fees when we utilize a healthcare professional referred by the contractor; and there are no monthly fees attached to these agreements.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of each of the above contracts to dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and one (1) to bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Jackson & Coker FY 21-22 BC 21-030 AM1

Attachment B: Jackson & Coker FY 21-22 BC 21-030

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