



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: October 15, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: **Campbellsville University FY 21-25 Second Amendment to the Services Agreement for Administrative and Fiscal Intermediary Services for Southern California Regional Partnership (SCRIP) Graduate and Peer Support Specialist Stipend and Pipeline Development Programs**

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 of Services of Independent Contractor with **Campbellsville University** (not a local vendor) (BC 21-143), to extend the term of the contract to end June 30, 2026, in order to align with grant funds spending deadline; and revise the terms of the Graduate Stipends to allow each county the flexibility to choose the dollar amount of stipends; and remove the maximum stipend award of \$6,000 for Graduate Stipends; and revise the terms of Peer Stipends to allow the allotted amounts given to each county be used at each county's discretion for either peer stipends or peer trainings; and the ability move the funds between either the peer stipends or peer support trainings with no change to the maximum contract amount of \$3,930,160 (including administrative costs not to exceed 15%) from the date executed by the County through June 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the above action is a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does 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:

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Campbellsville University (Campbellsville) to extend the terms of the contract to end June 30, 2026. This extension will allow grant funds to be spent down in alignment with spending deadlines under the Southern California Regional Partnership (SCRCP) Pipeline Development Program. This extension of terms will not add additional funding to the maximum contract amount and no funds will be budgeted for FY 25-26 for Campbellsville. Additionally, this request is to revise the terms of the Graduate Stipends, allowing each county the flexibility to choose the dollar amounts of stipends and removes the maximum stipend award of \$6,000. Also requested, is the revision of the terms of Peer Stipends to allow the allotted amounts given to each county to be at the county's discretion for either peer stipends or peer trainings. Additionally, being requested is the flexibility for each county to move funds between the Graduate Stipend, Peer Stipend, and Pipeline Project, to increase ability to expend all available grant funds.

Background:

In November 2004, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) passed, which levied a 1% tax on annual incomes over \$1.0 million to increase funding for mental health services. MHSA includes a requirement for each county mental health department to develop a local Workforce Education and Training Plan (WET); establish and participate in regional partnerships to promote and improve the local Public Mental Health System (PMHS) workforce, education, and training resources; and focus on projects and goals to meet the specific needs of the region. Campbellsville University currently serves as the fiscal and administrative agent for the Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRCP) Pipeline Development Program, for Workforce Education and Training (WET) purposes under the Mental Health Services Act. The SCRCP consists of the PMHS of Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties, as well as the Los Angeles County Tri-City region (Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona). Campbellsville University serves as the fiscal and administrative intermediary for the SCRCP Pipeline Development Program. The SCRCP Pipeline Development Program provides funding for endeavors to develop a career pathway in mental health service, including events sponsored by counties targeting a specific student or community population.

In December 2014, the Board approved and authorized Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to serve as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP and execute the initial Memorandum of Understanding with the SCRCP counties to implement WET. Then, BWell was nominated by the SCRCP to continue as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP through 2026 and be the fiscal and administrative agent for the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) grant through 2026. On January 12, 2021, the Board approved for BWell to both continue to serve as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP and approved BWell, as the fiscal and administrative agent for SCRCP, to accept the OSHPD Grant Agreement No. 20-10018. The OSHPD Agreement requires the implementation of one or more of the programs identified in the SCRCP grant application and provides the funding for the programs.

In May 2021, BWell conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a fiscal and administrative entity to implement the WET Plan framework, focusing on two components to support individuals' strategies: Pipeline development, which the Peer Support Specialist Stipend Program falls under, and the Clinical master and doctoral level graduate education stipend programs. In July 2021, BWell announced a Notice of Intent to Award to Campbellsville University, selected through an RFP process, to serve as administrator and fiscal intermediary for delivery of the Stipend Programs. Campbellsville has

experience as the administrator and fiscal intermediary of the statewide stipend programs of the California State MHSA WET Plans from 2009 to 2021.

On September 21, 2021, the Board approved the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Campbellsville to serve as the administrative and fiscal intermediary for the SCRP Graduate and Peer Support Specialist Stipend Programs, for a Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed \$3,369,500 for FY 2021-2025 effective on the date executed by County through June 30, 2025. Through this agreement, Campbellsville issues stipend checks to students selected to fulfill the workforce need for mental health clinicians in hard-to-hire communities and monitors those awarded a stipend to affirm that awardees fulfill their employment obligation upon graduation.

On October 17, 2023, the Board approved the First Amendment to the Agreement, which allowed Campbellsville to serve as administrative and fiscal intermediary to the Pipeline Development Program. The Pipeline Development Program provides funding for endeavors to develop a career pathway in mental health service, including events sponsored by counties targeting a specific student or community population. The additional cost to the SCRP for the Pipeline Development Program is \$560,660 over the remaining two fiscal years of the Agreement with Campbellsville. SCRP counties will submit directly to Campbellsville the invoices for reimbursement along with the proposal and budget, approved by SCRP, for each Pipeline project. Campbellsville serves as the fiscal and administrative intermediary for the SCRP Pipeline Development Program.

BWell now requests Board Approval of the Second Amendment to the Agreement, to extend the terms of the contract from June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2026, which will allow Campbellsville to pay out the remaining funds available under the current agreement. This extension of terms will not add additional funding to the maximum contract amount and no funds will be budgeted for FY 25-26 for Campbellsville. Additionally, this request will give Campbellsville the flexibility to grant Graduate Stipend award amounts at the discretion of each county participating. This request also provides flexibility to the Peer Stipends program, allowing each county the ability to apply stipend funds to either peer stipends or peer trainings. Flexibility to move funds between the projects is also being requested.

Performance Measure:

1. Increase the number of diverse, competent licensed and non-licensed professionals in the PMHS to address the needs of persons with SMI.
2. Expand the capacity of California's current public mental health workforce to meet California's diverse and dynamic needs.
3. Facilitate a robust statewide, regional, and local infrastructure to develop the public mental health workforce.
4. Promote pathways to careers in the various mental health professions.

The Graduate Stipend Program will be measured by the percentage of recipients of whom the Stipend Program encouraged to consider employment in a public mental health agency and the percentage of those that completed the twelve-month employment obligation who plan on continuing public mental health practice after obtaining their professional license. Campbellsville will conduct post-graduate employment surveys of the Graduate Stipend recipients.

The Peer Stipend Program will be measured by the percentage of recipients of whom the Stipend Program encouraged to consider employment in a public mental health agency. SCRP will conduct an annual survey to evaluate the effectiveness of this program in terms of job retention and satisfaction.

The SCRP is responsible for approving individual counties’ potential Pipeline projects accompanied by a budget. Each county will collect data on projects including but not limited to project description, description of target participants, and goals/objectives of their pipeline project.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Three cycles of Graduate Stipends have been completed which has led to 194 Stipend awards to date. Disbursement of Peer Stipend program funds began in FY 2023/24 and there have been 62 Peer Stipend recipients awarded during this time for completing training to work towards Peer Certification or achieving Peer Support Specialist Certification. Pipeline projects are in process for majority of counties. Three counties implemented projects in FY 2023/24 with a total count of 509 participants.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>	<u>FY 25-26</u>	<u>Total Contract</u>
General Fund						
State	\$ 842,375	\$ 842,375	\$ 1,122,705	\$ 1,122,705	\$ -	\$ 3,930,160
Federal						
Fees						
Other:						
Total	\$ 842,375	\$ 842,375	\$ 1,122,705	\$ 1,122,705	\$ -	\$ 3,930,160

Narrative:

This extension of terms will not add additional funding to the maximum contract amount and no funds will be budgeted for FY 25-26 for Campbellsville.

Key Contract Risks:

All funding for this contract comes from Healthcare Access and Information (HCAI), previously known as Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) funds. Since all Agreement funds have been dispensed, there is no risk of withholding of funds. This amendment allows for flexibility in payments to recipients. This enables the grant funding to be fully dispersed within the grant period. This amendment reduces any risk of unpaid funds.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete executed amendment to Sara Hernandez at sahernandez@sbcbswell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Campbellsville University FY 21-25 Second Amendment
- Attachment B: Campbellsville University FY 21-25 First Amendment
- Attachment C: Campbellsville University FY 21-25 BC (21-143)

Authored by:

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