



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: August 17, 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., Interim Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness 681-5220
Contact Info: Lindsay Walter, J.D., Administration & Operations
Department of Behavioral Wellness 681-5236
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – California Department of Health Care Services Mental Health Performance Contract FY 21-24

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to Form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to execute a \$0 Performance Contract and Contractor Certification contained therein with the **California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)** for receipt of funds from the Mental Health Services Act, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Community Mental Health Services Grant, and realignment funds and for compliance with California state laws for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; and
- B. 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 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:

The above referenced item is on the agenda to request approval, of the Board of Supervisors (BOS), to authorize Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) Interim Director to execute the DHCS County Performance Contract (#21-10112) and Contractor Certification agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein to allow BeWell to continue to receive mental health funding through state funding sources for FY 21-24.

Background:

DHCS issues a Performance Contract with County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) that outlines the conditions and requirements for receipt of funds through the following state funding sources: the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG), Community Mental Health Services Grant (MHBG), and realignment funds for providing community mental health services (“Performance Contract”).

This State Performance Contract provides the terms and conditions for reimbursement of mental health services funded by MHSA, PATH, SABG and MHBG. The requirements for the Performance Contract are outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5650(a), 5651, 5897, and Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 3310. In addition, it outlines Data Information and Submission Requirements, Information Confidentiality and Security Requirements, and the Information Exchange Agreement between the Social Security Administration and DHCS. The Performance Contract also contains a Contractor Certification wherein the County certifies it has complied with various state and federal laws including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, drug-free workplace requirements, the American with Disabilities Act, conflicts of interest, etc. The Agreement will be effective retroactively from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

BeWell must meet certain conditions and requirements, detailed in this Performance Contract, to receive funding for these programs and community mental health services. The Performance Contract does not cover federal financial participation or State general funds as they relate to Medi-Cal services provided through the Mental Health Plan contract.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: NA

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: NA

Narrative: This is a \$0 agreement between Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness and the State Department of Health Care Services. Anticipated funds available to the County by executing the Performance Contract are currently budgeted in BeWell’s FY21-22 budget.

Key Contract Risks:

The Performance Contract imposes procedural and reporting requirements that BeWell currently implements, but which may be subject to future audit. Failure to fully comply with the reporting requirements detailed in the Performance Contract could result in the State withholding funding. Additionally, the Performance Contract is contingent on the appropriation of funds from the State. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the State, the County is not obligated to perform the provisions of the contract or the contract may be amended.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to Ana Bello at abello@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and to BeWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: State Performance Agreement FY 21-24 #21-10112

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