



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: March 16, 2021
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: Crestwood Behavioral Health Center Inc. - First Amendment to FY 20-23 Board Contract

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 First Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Crestwood Behavioral Health Center, Inc., a Delaware corporation (not a local vendor), for the provision of mental health services and residential treatment services, to increase the contract amount by \$600,000 for fiscal year 20-21 for a new maximum contract amount of \$2,100,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, inclusive of \$1,100,000 for FY 20-21, \$500,000 for FY 21-22, and \$500,000 for FY 22-23; and
- B. Determine that the above action is a 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 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 Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs). Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of County’s clients are optimally met. The original budget was developed with a reduced caseload in anticipation of early opening of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center in Lompoc. In order to cover services based on the current client census, BWell is requesting approval to amend its existing FY 20-23 agreement to increase the FY 20-21 contract maximum amount to allow for provision of these services. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BWell to continue to provide mandated mental health, substance use, and ancillary services.

Background:

BWell provides a continuum of services to County residents, including inpatient treatment services to best meet the needs of individuals with severe mental illness. Institutions for Mental Disease (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. Behavioral Wellness examines the current caseload and historical use of IMD facilities in order to project the following year’s contract amounts within Department’s budget constraints. Behavioral Wellness contracts with IMDs that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Patches, and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State.

Crestwood facilities, located in Kern, Shasta and Santa Clara counties, provide intensive psychiatric mental health treatment, medical assessment, diagnosis, and monitoring, and treatment groups for clients, including those diagnosed with co-occurring disorders, in locked facilities. These skill-building and symptom management services are designed to support clients in returning to community living as soon as possible.

Performance Measures:

For the past fiscal year, Crestwood has consistently held a caseload of 10-13 clients per month. The current funding projections are based on an average caseload of 11 clients per month. Overall, BWell is satisfied with Crestwood’s performance.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 20-21 Cost</u>	<u>FY 21-22 Cost</u>	<u>FY 22-23 Cost</u>	<u>Overall FY 20-23 Cost</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 2,100,000.00

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by State funds. The recommended contract increase for FY 20-21 will be funded with savings from the Aurora Las Encinas agreement and the agreement with Crestwood for the Champion Healing Center due to the Champion Healing Center's delayed opening.

Key Contract Risks: As with any contract funded by State sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. BWell contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) executed contract to Ana Bello at abello@sbcbswell.org and to the Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.co.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Crestwood Behavioral Health Center Inc. FY 20-23 BC First Amendment

Attachment B: Crestwood Behavioral Health Center Inc. FY 20-23 Board Contract (20-082)

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