



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 6, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness - Contractor on Payroll (COP) Agreement Renewals for Andra Dillard, R.N. and Edwin Feliciano M.D., FY 23-24

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

Risk Management

Human Resources

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Contractor-on-Payroll with **Andra Dillard, R.N.** for the provision of infection disease prevention and control services in an amount not to exceed **\$35,000** for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Attachment A);
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Contractor on Payroll with **Edwin Feliciano, M.D.**, for the provision of psychiatric services in an amount not to exceed **\$26,400** for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Attachment B); and
- C. Determine that the above action is a government fiscal activity or funding mechanism which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially physical impact on the environment, and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides specialty mental health services to adults with mental illness at various locations throughout the County of Santa Barbara, such as the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). The PHF is a 16-bed facility that provides 24-hour inpatient care to individuals requiring psychiatric hospitalization. The PHF is required, by State and Federal regulations, to conduct infection prevention activities including tracking of hospital-acquired infections, risk assessments, and having a comprehensive infection control plan. Such infection prevention measures can only be conducted by an individual who is certified in the field of infection prevention and control. Andra Dillard currently serves as the Infection Preventionist for the PHF and is certified in the field of infection prevention and control. Edwin Feliciano M.D. provides psychiatric services at the PHF, as needed by BWell staff. The above-referenced contracts comply with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy, approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015. Approval of the above-referenced contracts will ensure the continued provision of critical mental health and related services during FY 23-24.

Background:

BWell has experienced continuing difficulty recruiting and retaining psychiatrists and other individuals who are certified and licensed to provide specialty and ancillary mental health services in the area. Although the County maintains ongoing recruitments for psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, and individuals certified and licensed to provide ancillary mental health services, it rarely produces enough qualified candidates to meet departmental needs. A COP helps to bridge the gap in mental health treatment capacity.

Dr. Edwin Feliciano will provide Psychiatric services and Medication support services for the PHF, as needed, on the holidays and weekends. In addition, Dr. Feliciano will be on call to perform a face-to-face psychiatric evaluation and complete documentation of a 5250 certification for a continued legal hold at the PHF. Dr. Feliciano's responsibilities will include providing all psychiatric services allowed under the scope of licensure as a licensed physician and surgeon in California, including Assessment/Evaluation, Collateral and Medication Support Services at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).

BWell has also experienced continuing difficulty recruiting individuals who are certified and licensed to provide infection prevention services for the PHF.

Andra Dillard, R.N. will work as the Infection Preventionist for the PHF, as needed, up to ten (10) hours per week. Additionally, Ms. Dillard will continue to be on-call for an additional 30 hours per week in case her services are required to respond to outbreaks, mandatory audits, and time-sensitive infection control concerns.

Ms. Dillard's responsibilities as the Infection Preventionist include developing and implementing infection surveillance; prevention and control policies and procedures that adhere to nationally recognized guidelines; documenting the infection prevention and control program and its surveillance, prevention, and control activities; communicating and collaborating with the PHF's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) program on infection prevention and control issues; and providing competency-based training and education of PHF personnel, staff, including medical staff, and, as applicable, personnel providing contracted services at the PHF, on the practical applications of infection prevention and control guidelines, policies, and procedures.

Performance Outcomes:

Ms. Dillard and Dr. Feliciano have continually met their contract requirements at the PHF. Ms. Dillard, while acting as an Infection Prevention and Control consultant for the PHF, has successfully set up the PHF’s infection prevention and control program and completed all work required by State and local health orders.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Andra Dillard FY 23-24 Cost:</u>	<u>Edwin Feliciano FY 23-24 Cost</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 17,500	\$ 13,200.00	
Federal	\$ 17,500	\$ 13,200.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 35,000	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 61,400.00

Narrative: It is anticipated that Ms. Dillard will provide Infection Prevention services to the PHF until a replacement is identified and trained. Dr. Feliciano will continue to provide Psychiatric services on an on-call basis as needed. The above-referenced contracts are funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 23-24 Adopted Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future Medi-Cal audit disallowances. However, BWell provides training to contractors to minimize financial risks to the County. In addition, the PHF is required by State and Federal regulations to conduct infection prevention activities, including tracking of hospital acquired infections, risk assessments, and having a comprehensive infection control plan. Behavioral Wellness has mitigated risk through development and implementation of hospital-wide infection surveillance, prevention, and control policies and procedures that adhere to nationally recognized guidelines.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) executed Board Contract to: Amber Foschaar at cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org, the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org, and Tracy Rogers, Workforce Planning Division, Human Resources Department at trogers@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Andra Dillard R.N. FY 23-24 COP Agreement

Attachment B: Edwin Feliciano M.D. FY 23-24 COP Agreement

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