



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**


**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** August 26, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
Department of Behavioral Wellness 

Contact: Dr. Ole Behrendtsen, Medical Director,  
Department of Behavioral Wellness

**SUBJECT: Services Agreement for Skilled Nursing Facility Services with Powers Park Healthcare, Inc., dba Channel Islands Post Acute (Second District), Fiscal Year 2025–27**

**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 an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (“Agreement”) with **Powers Park Healthcare, Inc., dba Channel Islands Post Acute** (“Channel Islands Post Acute”), (not a local vendor)(Second District) for the provision of Skilled Nursing Facility services for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$3,467,500**, inclusive of \$1,733,750 per fiscal year, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027; and
- b) Regarding the above Agreement, delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to (i) suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience as provided in Section 20 of the Agreement, (ii) make immaterial changes to the Agreement as provided in Section 26 of the Agreement, (iii) authorize additional or different services as provided in Section 8 of Exhibit A-2 of the Agreement, (iv) reallocate funds between funding sources as provided in Section II.E of Exhibit B of the Agreement, (v) adjust the Per Diem rate in writing as provided in Section IV.A of Exhibit B of the Agreement, and (vi) amend the Program goals, outcomes, and measures as provided in Exhibit E of the Agreement, all without altering the maximum contract amount and without

requiring the Board of Supervisor's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board of Supervisor's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and

- c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

### **Summary Text:**

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Powers Park Healthcare, Inc., dba Channel Islands Post Acute, for skilled nursing services to members with serious mental illness, severe emotional disturbance, or both under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act of 1967. The facility is located in the city of Santa Barbara (Second District). The total contract maximum amount is \$3,467,500, inclusive of \$1,733,750 per fiscal year for the fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

### **Discussion:**

Channel Islands Post Acute, in south Santa Barbara County is a new vendor for the County. Channel Islands Post Acute is located at 3880 Via Lucero, Santa Barbara (Second District).

Services will be provided to a population of adults who are permanently disabled with Organic Brain Syndrome (OBS) or other Neurobehavioral disorders. This Agreement will provide for up to 19 beds. The goal of the Program is to provide a pleasing and attractive living environment, a well-supervised and safe nursing-led milieu, and a simple, yet comprehensive therapeutic program focused on evaluation, opportunities, social skills training, and discharge options, when appropriate. Approval of this Agreement will allow for necessary mental health services to be provided to this population.

### **Background:**

BWell provides a continuum of specialty mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of members are optimally met.

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), as defined in Title 22 California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.) § 72103, are health facilities or a distinct part of a hospital which provide continuous skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients whose primary need is for availability of skilled nursing care on an extended basis. They provide 24-hour inpatient care and, at a minimum, include physician, skilled nursing, dietary, and pharmaceutical services as well as an activity program.

While Channel Islands Post Acute is a new vendor for BWell, the facility has been operating continuously as a skilled nursing facility in Santa Barbara for over twenty years. Members that will be placed at Channel Islands Post Acute are Santa Barbara County residents who are under Lanterman-Petris-Short conservatorship. Generally speaking, the members placed come from a level of care that does not include any type of medical care beyond providing medication, such as mental health rehabilitation centers or licensed board & care facilities. Placing them at Channel Islands Post Acute will provide members with not only specialty mental health services, but also medical care as needed.

### **Performance Measure:**

Performance Measures: Exhibit E of the Agreement sets forth specific goals, outcomes and measures which Channel Islands Post Acute must adhere to and meet, and the Agreement has reporting requirements relative to such goals, outcomes and measures. Measures are listed below:

- a) Reduce mental health and substance abuse symptoms resulting in reduced utilization of involuntary care and emergency rooms for mental health and physical health problems.

- b) Assist members in their mental health recovery process and with developing the skills necessary to lead healthy and productive lives in the community.
- c) Provide Case Management Services to assist members with engagement in self-sufficiency and treatment services.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:****Budgeted: Yes****Fiscal Analysis:**

The contract is funded with State Realignment funds. The funding source was included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and will be included in future recommended budgets submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The funding allocation is anticipated to cover 19 members at the basic facility rate.

**Channel Islands Post Acute**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Total</b>
State	\$1,733,750	\$1,733,750	<b>\$3,467,500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,733,750</b>	<b>\$1,733,750</b>	<b>\$3,467,500</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) copy of the executed Agreement to Chris Shorb at cshorb@sbcbswell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractstaff@sbcbswell.org.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Channel Islands Post Acute FY 2025-27 Agreement

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