



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: April 21, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director, 805-681-5220
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Renewal Contractor on Payroll (COP) Agreements FY 20-21

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 Contractor On Payroll Agreement with **Edwin Feliciano, M.D.**, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$86,790;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with **Irwin Lunianski, M.D.**, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$109,478.40;
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with **Mary Pat Sweeney, R.N.**, to provide "as needed" nursing services for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000;
- D. 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 potentially physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (Behavioral Wellness) provides specialty mental health services to adults with mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances, in part through contracted providers, including Contractors on Payroll (COP). 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 20-21.

Background:

Behavioral Wellness has experienced continuing difficulty recruiting and retaining psychiatrists, qualified Registered Nurses, and other individuals who are certified and licensed to provide specialty and ancillary mental health services to the area. Although the County maintains an ongoing recruitment 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. COPs have helped to bridge the gap to provide needed mental health treatment capacity.

Edwin Feliciano, M.D. provides psychiatric services and support to both the PHF and the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) during the weekend and holiday hours when it is most challenging to staff these facilities.

Irwin Lunianski, M.D. provides psychiatrist services, assists with Quality Assurance and Utilization Management activities, including performing utilization review for hospital stays, and provides disposition for appeals of hospital denials.

Mary Pat Sweeney R.N. provides psychiatric nursing services as needed at the PHF. Psychiatric nursing services include: Under the supervision of PHF administration, delivery of ongoing and comprehensive care to patients hospitalized at the PHF including performing admission assessments, provision of medications, and comprehensive psychiatric nursing in addition to functioning as a team leader for the shift. In addition, she is responsible for entering into the patient's health record complete and detailed patient histories and nursing assessments as well as taking orders from physicians and implementing them. She also identifies chief complaints and develops the initial treatment plan, initiates patient education and emergency interventions with clients, and also interacts with and counsels patients and their families regarding matters pertaining to patients' PHF stays.

The attached COP agreements meet the requirements of Government Code section 7522.56 limiting the maximum number of hours and the maximum allowable hourly rate payable for COPs who are retirees of the County who perform work as a contractor for the County and Government Code sections 53260 and 53243.2 limiting the amount of cash settlement in the event of termination of the agreement and requiring reimbursement from the COP if the COP is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of the COP's position with the County.

Performance Measure:

- Clients maintaining safe and stable living environments;
- Decrease hospitalizations;
- Increase access to care;
- Decrease number of incarcerations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>FY 20-21 Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | \$109,134.20 | | |
| Federal | \$109,134.20 | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$218,268.40 | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 20-21 Proposed Budget.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the contract for each of the above to cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org , to bwelcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us , and Stefan Brewer, Employment and Workforce Planning Division, Human Resources Department.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Edwin Feliciano, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 20-21
- Attachment B: Irwin Lunianski, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 20-21
- Attachment C: Mary Pat Sweeney, R.N., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 20-21

Authored by:

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