



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: January 10, 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
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness - California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)
Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Participation
Agreement Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2025

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 the **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Participation Agreement No. 1467-PEI-2022-SB** for the provision of consultation services for the development and implementation of statewide PEI campaigns, programs, resources and material for suicide prevention and stigma and discrimination reduction to support Behavioral Health for compliance with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention Plan, for a Maximum Agreement Amount not to exceed **\$420,000 (\$120,00 for FY 22-23, \$150,000 for FY 23-24 and \$150,000 for FY 24-25, inclusive of an administrative fee of \$18,000 for FY 22-23, \$22,500 for FY 23-24, and \$22,500 for FY 24-25)** upon execution by the County through June 30, 2025 (Attachment A);
- B. Determine that the above action is a government funding mechanism or other 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 is 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 the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with CalMHSA, PEI Participation Agreement No. 1467-PEI-2022-SB for the provision of consultation services for the development and implementation of statewide PEI campaigns, programs, resources and material for suicide prevention and stigma and discrimination reduction to support Behavioral Health for compliance with the DHCS California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention Plan, for a Maximum Agreement Amount not to exceed \$420,000 (\$120,00 for FY 22-23, \$150,000 for FY 23-24 and \$150,000 for FY 24-25, inclusive of an administrative fee of \$18,000 for FY 22-23, \$22,500 for FY 23-24, and \$22,500 for FY 24-25) from the date of execution by the County through June 30, 2025.

Background:

The California Government Code (“Joint Exercise of Powers Act,” Section 6500 et seq.) permits two or more public agencies to jointly exercise powers common to the contracting parties through an agreement. CalMHSA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed in 2009 for the purpose of creating a separate public entity to provide administrative and fiscal services in support of its members. CalMHSA assists its members with the operation of various programs to contract and/or negotiate with the State or other providers; contract and/or negotiate with the State or Federal government for administration of mental health services, programs or activities, including managed mental health care and the delivery of specialty mental health services. They also provide fiscal or administrative services to its members such as group purchasing, contract management, research and development, data management, maintenance of a research depository, technical assistance, capacity building, education, and training; and execution of policy requests.

CalMHSA oversees the Statewide PEI Program. CalMHSA supports and coordinates with counties on the ongoing implementation of the California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention (Plan), PEI project, the statewide project which was approved by the Governor’s Office on June 30, 2008 and is part of the requirements of the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA). Statewide PEI projects are collectively known as “Take Action for Mental Health,” and the goal is to prevent suicide. This program is centered on building a statewide social marketing strategy that will help provide individuals throughout the state with the opportunity to learn help-seeking behaviors for themselves and those around them. The program consists of several interrelated, partner efforts working under the umbrella of the “Take Action for Mental Health” campaign. Each campaign supports statewide messaging to all Californians, as well as support of participating Members through messaging, training, technical assistance, and evaluation. The partner campaigns include: Take Action for Mental Health, Directing Change Film Contest and Know the Signs Suicide Prevention.

Californians have been through an unprecedented time with profound mental health impacts: a global pandemic, an economic recession, social and political unrest, racial inequity and violence, and multiple natural disasters. The CalMHSA PEI project provides opportunities to consistently educate entities, communities and individuals on how to address mental health service gaps, improve services, promote mental health and facilitate access to support services at the earliest possible signs of mental health problems and concerns.

The approval of the recommend actions would provide BWell with the opportunity to be part of cohesive and consistent PEI statewide messaging, outreach and project and streamline the delivery of this service to the residents of the County.

Performance Measure:

CalMHSA facilitates the efficient use of resources for multiple public entities by providing group purchasing power, joint dissemination and development of services, which reduces the County’s overhead costs through sharing of the expenses of administration and reporting, and shared research and strategies. CalMHSA’s administration of this program will result in greater efficiency in the implementation of these mandated services for compliance with state and federal requirements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Cost FY 22-23</u>	<u>Cost FY 23-24</u>	<u>Cost FY 24-25</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 60,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Federal	\$ 60,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Other:			
Total	\$ 120,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Grand Total			\$ 420,000

Narrative: The funds for the PEI program come from MHSA funding, which was approved by the Board for FY 22-23. There is no budget impact to the general fund. FY 23-25 funding is contingent upon Board approval.

Key Contract Risks:

The County may withdraw from the Program upon 6 months’ written notice to CalMHSA. Additionally, the agreement includes a limitation of liability clause at Exhibit B, Section VI.A, limiting CalMHSA’s liability to the amount of funds that are identified on the cover page of the agreement and that were incurred without the County’s authorization or contrary to the County’s instructions. The agreement also includes a mutual indemnification clause at Exhibit B, Section VI.B, whereby each party shall indemnify the other for the indemnifying party’s negligence, but not for the indemnitee’s negligence.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the above item to Denise Morales at dmorales@sbcbswell.org and the BWell Contract’s Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: CalMHSA FY 22-25 PA No. 1467-PEI-2022-SB

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