



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**For Agenda Of:** May 2, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220  
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director, (805) 681-5220  
**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness – Contractors on Payroll FY 22-24: John Onssy Anis, M.D.  
Contractor on Payroll Agreement

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A.** Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor on Payroll Agreement with **John Onssy Anis, M.D.**, for the provision of medical support services for the period of April 4, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000.00** (Attachment A); and
- B.** Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do 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 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 contract complies with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy, approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015. Approval of the contract will ensure the continued provision of critical services in the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) throughout FY 22-23 and FY 23-24, including internal medical duties, complete medical histories and physicals, prescribe medication and treatments, order tests, review clinical records, and provide evaluations.

**Background:**

BWell has experienced continued difficulty recruiting and retaining individuals who are certified and licensed to provide specialty and ancillary mental health services to the area. Although the County maintains ongoing recruitment for 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.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Dr. Anis FY 22-24 Cost</u></b>	<b><u>FY 22-24 Total Contract Maximum</u></b>	
General Fund			
State	\$10,000.00		
Federal	\$10,000.00		
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	

Narrative: The contract is funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 22-23 Budget and will be included in the FY 23-24 Proposed 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.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy the above contract to [cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org](mailto:cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org), [bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org), and Stefan Brewer, Employment and Workforce Planning Division, Human Resources Department at [SBrewer@SBcountyhr.org](mailto:SBrewer@SBcountyhr.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: John Onssy Anis, M.D. FY 22-24 Contractor on Payroll Agreement

**Authored by:**

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