



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:** August 22, 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  
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**SUBJECT:** **FY 23-26 Agreement with HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde Retirement Home**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- A. Approve and ratify the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **HumanGood NorCal**, a California public benefit corporation, **dba Valle Verde** (a local vendor) for the provision of meals and dietary services for the Psychiatric Health Facility and Crisis Stabilization Unit, for a contract amount not to exceed \$156,000 per fiscal year and for total contract amount not to exceed **\$468,000** for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026; and
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26 of the Agreement, and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E, all without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms that do not involve any commitment to any specific project, which may result in a potentially significant 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:**

Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers. Approval of the recommended actions would allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide ancillary food services at the County’s mental health facilities, Psychiatric Health Facility and Crisis Stabilization Unit.

**Background:**

**HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde** (Valle Verde) currently provides dietary services to the County’s Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) including, but not limited to, all meals, meal planning, and dietician consultation, as well as the provision of prepackaged meals and floor stock items for the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). Valle Verde has significant experience in providing institutional meal service and has demonstrated compliance with applicable State and Federal requirements regarding food preparation and handling. Valle Verde has successfully provided dietary services for Behavioral Wellness programs since 2014. Valle Verde is the only known local provider that can meet the special needs diets within the time frames allotted for an acute inpatient hospital.

The proposed agreement would continue the County’s utilization of Valle Verde meal and dietary services at County’s mental health facilities over the next three fiscal years, through June 30, 2026. There are no plans to bid on this service in the next three years.

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

The Contractor is achieving the outcomes to the required standards set forth in the Agreement within the allocated budget. The Agreement contains performance measures to monitor implementation and improve staff proficiency. Contractors’ service is required to meet the Center for Medicaid and Medical Services Requirements. The Contractor provides accurate and timely food delivery for the PHF and CSU. The majority of measures are met at a 100% accuracy rate. Additional measurements can be found in Exhibit E.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 23-24</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25</u></b>	<b><u>FY 25-26</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
General Fund				
State	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 234,000.00
Federal	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 234,000.00
Fees				
Other:				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 156,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 156,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 156,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 468,000.00</b>

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 23-24 Adopted Budget. Funding for FY 24-25 and FY 25-26 will be included in the department's requested budget, and will be contingent upon Board approval.

**Key Contract Risks:**

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. The agreement includes language which requires the contractor to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the executed contract to [msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org](mailto:msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org) and [bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde FY 23-26 Board Contract

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