



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: June 22, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Pam Fisher, Psy.D., Acting Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
Contact Info: Chris Ribeiro, Chief Financial Officer
Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Community Care on Palm Riverside, LLC – FY 2020 to 2022 Agreement

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 with **Community Care on Palm Riverside, LLC** (not a local vendor), an Institute of Mental Disease, for the provision of mental health services for a contract maximum amount not to exceed **\$514,000** for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, consisting of \$214,000 for FY 20-21 inclusive of Purchase Order CN 24-020 but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN 24-020 and \$300,000 for FY 21-22;
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to make immaterial changes to the Agreement, adjust the daily patch rate based on a client's acuity and required monitoring, and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal amendment thereto by the Board, and subject to the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. 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 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 Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers, including Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs). The County executed a Purchase Order CN 24-020 with Community Care on Palm Riverside, LLC (CCOP) in the amount of \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-21, for the provision of residential treatment for patients suffering from severe mental health conditions. During the term of that Purchase Order, County anticipates CCOP will provide, at the request of the County, a greater number of services than originally contemplated by that Purchase Order and will incur total expenses beyond the value of the Purchase Order.

This item is on the agenda to request the Board to approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to enter into an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with CCOP for a contract maximum amount not to exceed \$514,000 during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, inclusive of the \$200,000 under Purchase Agreement CN 24-020, and to delegate to the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) or designee the authority to make enumerated amendments to the Agreement as requested in Recommended Action B. The Agreement otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN 24-020.

Background: Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) are facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California. Behavioral Wellness contracts with IMDs that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Patches, and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State.

CCOP, located in Riverside, provides Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) skilled nursing facilities (SNF). Contractor provides physician services, nursing, pharmaceutical services, dietary services, and an activity program in an inpatient setting. As an SNF, it provides continuous skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients who have a primary need for it on an extended basis. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated mental health services.

Performance Measure:

CCOP has provided services to five unduplicated Patch clients through the year.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 20-21 Cost:	FY 21-22 Cost:
General Fund		
State	\$ 214,000	\$ 300,000
Federal		
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$ 214,000	\$ 300,000
Grand Total		\$ 514,000

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State funds. The funding source was included in the FY 2020-2021 Adopted Budget. The funding for FY 21-22 was included in the FY 21-22 Proposed Budget and it is contingent on 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 requiring contractor to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the Agreement to Denise Morales at dmorales@sbcbswell.org and bswellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: CCOP FY 20-22 BC

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