



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: September 20, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Santa Barbara County Education Office First Amended Agreement FY 21-22

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 a First Amended Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor, referenced as BC 21-200, with **Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)**, to extend the agreement term through December 31, 2022 with no change to the Maximum Contract Amount of **\$462,788**, for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022;
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to rescind the permission regarding publicity or endorsement per Section 12 of the Agreement; make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 25 of the Agreement; reallocate funds between funding sources per Exhibit B of the Agreement; authorize additional services per Exhibit B-1 of the Agreement; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E of the Agreement, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal 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 which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which 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:

This item is on the agenda to request approval of the First Amendment to the FY 21-22 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO), to extend the agreement term through December 31, 2022 with no change to the Maximum Contract Amount of **\$462,788**, for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. SBCEO is a subcontractor under the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant award with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

On July 6, 2022, the MHSOAC issued a Notice of Intent to Award for the 3rd round of MHSSA funding, with Santa Barbara County as one of the selected awardees. SBCEO and the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) expect to receive the new grant agreement from MHSOAC in September or October 2022.

The FY 21-22 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SBCEO had an original end date of September 30, 2022. SBCEO and BWell wish to extend the term of the current FY 21-22 agreement (referenced as BC 21-200) through December 31, 2022, to bridge the gap while awaiting receipt of the new grant agreement from the MHSOAC for the 3rd round of funding.

Background:

On September 15, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Department of Behavioral Wellness to accept the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant award and execute the multi-year grant agreement (No. 19MHSOAC082) with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) for a total of \$4,000,000 over a four-year period of 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2024. On August 31, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Department of Behavioral Wellness to execute the first amendment to the grant agreement (No. 19MHSOAC082 A1) to extend the grant period through September 30, 2025, and to reallocate funds among grant years as necessary, with no change to the total amount of \$4,000,000.

As part of programmatic requirements, the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) was selected by the Department of Behavioral Wellness as a subcontractor to serve as a liaison by expanding access to mental health services in schools through the Navigator program. On July 13, 2021, the Board of Supervisors executed an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SBCEO as a subcontractor under the MHSSA grant award with the MHSOAC in the amount of \$465,413 over a one-year period of 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021. On December 7, 2021, the Board of Supervisors renewed the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with SBCEO as a subcontractor under the MHSSA grant award with the MHSOAC in the amount of \$462,788 over a one-year period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

Mental health services for children and youth under the Agreement are delivered by staff hired specifically for grant-related positions that include Navigators through SBCEO and Behavioral Wellness Clinicians, Research & Evaluator, and Project Manager. The Program is coordinated through a Partnership Group that is co-facilitated by Behavioral Wellness and SBCEO and includes representatives from each participating school district, community-based organizations, primary healthcare and insurance providers. Activities under the program include suicide prevention, drop-out

prevention, placement assistance for students needing higher levels of care, and outreach to high-risk youth including foster, LGBTQ+, and students who have been removed from the school environment through suspension and/or expulsion. Through the formalized partnership, students are also provided with prevention and early intervention programming to support reductions in mental health stigma, and staff are provided with professional development opportunities to increase their capacity around student mental health.

On April 18, 2022, the MHSOAC released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the 3rd round of MHSSAA grant funding, with a total of \$47,687,455 available for this procurement. The MHSOAC apportioned \$10,000,000 to be divided among four counties which do not currently have an MHSSA grant, and \$37,687,455 for the remaining 55 county/city entities which currently have an MHSSA grant, including Santa Barbara County. The County submitted its application, and the MHSOAC issued a Notice of Intent to Award on July 6, 2022 naming Santa Barbara County as one of the selected counties to receive a contract award. SBCEO and the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) expect to receive the new grant agreement from MHSOAC in September or October 2022.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Partnership Group to continue serving children and youth without a gap in services, while awaiting receipt of the new grant agreement from the MHSOAC for the 3rd round of funding.

Performance Measure:

MHSSA grants are to be used to provide support services that address the following goals:

1. Preventing mental illness from becoming severe and disabling,
2. Improving timely access to services for underserved populations,
3. Providing outreach to families, employers, primary health care providers, and other to recognize the early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental illness,
4. Reducing the stigma associated with the diagnosis of a mental illness or seeking mental health services,
5. Reducing discrimination against people with mental illness, and
6. Preventing negative outcomes in the targeted population including, but not limited to:
 - a. Suicide and attempted suicide
 - b. Incarceration
 - c. School failure and dropout
 - d. Unemployment
 - e. Prolonged suffering
 - f. Homelessness
 - g. Removal of children from their homes, and
 - h. Involuntary mental health detentions.

The collaboration between SBCEO and BWell is going well. The MHSSA Program Manager meets regularly with SBCEO to discuss, collaborate and develop the program. The first-year pilot project in North County is complete. Since the program start in October 25, 2021, we served a total of forty-four (44) referrals, provided three (3) rounds of groups, and successfully linked 84% of referrals to ongoing mental health services. Of these referrals, 8% were crisis responses linked to the appropriate supports, and 8% were referrals for non-mental health resources. We have trained two School Districts in suicide prevention and assessment and will train two School Districts in youth suicide awareness. We engaged in fourteen (14) outreach events over the past year. A monthly collaborative meeting takes place

virtually to allow for cross-county participation. BWell and SBCEO are currently working on program expansion to the Santa Ynez Valley school districts, Lompoc, and South county.

Counties must report to MHSOAC about the disposition of funds, the services provided, and the number of individuals who received services within 60 days of execution of the MHSOAC’s contract, on a quarterly basis, and provide an annual report to measure the goals of:

1. Reduce suicide and suicide ideation;
2. Reduce homelessness;
3. Reduce unemployment through linkages to vocational training;
4. Reduce school failure through linkage to educational support services;
5. Reduce criminal justice involvement for individuals with Mental Illness;
6. Establish additional mental health partnerships with local school entities;
7. Increase access to mental health care for students and families; and
8. Increase outreach to high-risk youth.

The County is expected to provide all services, including any and all required reports, in a timely manner – in accordance with criteria articulated in the Agreement’s Statement of Work. Specifically, fund disbursement pursuant to the MHSOAC Grant Agreement is tied to meeting goal outcomes. The project team anticipates no difficulty in meeting the targets.

The County shall not disclose data or documents or disseminate the contents of the final or any preliminary report without written permission of MHSOAC. The County will otherwise comply with open record and privacy laws, as applicable.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>One-Time Project Cost FY 21-22:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
General Fund		
State	\$ 462,788	\$ 462,788
Federal		
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$ 462,788	\$ 462,788

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded through State funds and covered through MHSOAC grant funding. There is no change in the maximum contract amount as a result of this amendment.

Key Contract Risks:

This grant agreement is cost reimbursed; therefore, MHSOAC will reimburse Behavioral Wellness based upon the expenditures submitted quarterly. As with any contract funded by State sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County. Negotiations with SBCEO resulted in changes to Section 12 (No Publicity or Endorsement) of the County’s Standard Terms and Conditions. Potential risks associated with these changes have been mitigated with input from the applicable departments.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) executed Amendment to Bethany Le at bethle@sbcbswell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: SBCEO Agreement FY 21-22 First Amendment

Attachment B: SBCEO Agreement FY 21-22 Board Contract

Authored by:

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