



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

June 9, 2026

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 26-00480

RE: Consider recommendations regarding Services Agreement with Sterling Care Psychiatric Group, Inc. for Psychiatrist Staffing Services for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-2029, as follows:

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Sterling Care Psychiatric Group, Inc. (not a local vendor) to provide locum tenens psychiatry staffing services at Behavioral Wellness facilities for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$2,028,900.00, inclusive of \$656,400.00 in FY 2026-2027, \$676,100.00 in FY 2027-2028, \$696,400.00 in FY 2028-2029, and contract term from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029;

b) Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to (i) make immaterial changes to the Agreement as provided in Section 25 of the Agreement; (ii) agree to waive minimum experience requirements per Exhibit A-1; (iii) suspend, delay, or interrupt services per Section 1 of Exhibit AA General Provisions Mental Health Plan Required Terms (Non-Direct Service Provider); all without altering the total maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board of Supervisors' approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board of Supervisors' ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and

c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lee, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;

b) Delegated; and

c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino