



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: April 21, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director, Behavioral Wellness
Contact: Jamie Huthsing, LMFT, Assistant Director of Compliance and Quality Care
Management, Behavioral Wellness
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness-California Department of Health Care Services Performance
Contract FY 2026-29

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to execute the \$0 California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Performance Agreement #26-60060 including exhibits and the Contractor Certification Clauses for receipt of funds from the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG), 1991 and 2011 realignment funds, and for compliance with California State and Federal laws for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5) 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.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request Board of Supervisors' approval and authorization for the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Performance Agreement #26-60060 and accompanying certificates. The performance agreement outlines BWell's requirements and obligations in the delivery of behavioral health and substance use services in accordance with State and Federal laws. This no-cost agreement is required for BWell to receive behavioral health and substance use funding from the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SUBG), Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), and 1991 and 2011 realignment funds for providing community mental health services. The agreement spans a term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Discussion:

This DHCS performance agreement replaces the current performance agreement, set to expire on June 30, 2026. The agreement outlines the conditions and requirements for receipt of funds through the following federal and State funding sources: the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SUBG), Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), and 1991 and 2011 realignment funds for providing community mental health services. This no-cost agreement provides the terms and conditions for reimbursement of substance use disorder services funded by the State BHSA, and Federal PATH, SUBG, and MHBG for fiscal years (FY) 2026-29.

Background:

DHCS administers the BHSA, Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, PATH, MHBG, SUBG, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP), and oversees county provision of community mental health services pursuant to the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act. This agreement outlines certain conditions and requirements set forth by the Welfare and Institution Code that the County must meet to receive funding for these programs and services. DHCS will monitor this agreement to ensure compliance with applicable federal and State law and applicable regulations. In addition, the agreement outlines data information and submission requirements, information confidentiality and security requirements, and requires the County to comply with all data sharing requirements mandated by federal and State law.

The performance agreement also contains a Contractor Certification wherein the County certifies it complies with various State and federal laws including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, drug-free workplace requirements, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Executive Order N-6-22 Russia Sanctions, conflicts of interest, etc. The performance agreement also states that the County must comply with BHSA requirements for implementation of services as described in the BHSA Policy Manual and other applicable DHCS guidance.

The County must submit all deliverables as required in the agreement in the schedule, form, and manner specified by DHCS including all deliverables for BHSA, MHBG, SUBG, and PATH funding. An expansive list of deliverables can be reviewed in detail within the performance agreement statement of work.

The performance agreement does not cover federal financial participation or State general funds as they relate to Medi-Cal services provided through the Mental Health Plan contract.

Fiscal Analysis:

This is a \$0 agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and DHCS. Allocations allowed through this agreement for FY 2026-27 are anticipated to be approximately \$189 million. To receive funds from DHCS, BWell needs to execute and comply with the DHCS Performance Agreement. Those anticipated funds are included in the proposed FY 2026-27 BWell budget, pending Board approval.

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Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to M. Simon-Gersuk at msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – State Performance Agreement FY 2026-29 #26-60060

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