



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: February 11, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
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SUBJECT: Department of Behavioral Wellness - Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. Renewal (9/1/2019 through 8/31/2021)

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 **Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc., a California Corporation** (a local vendor), for the continued provision of engagement and outreach services to homeless individuals with serious persistent mental illness and/or chronic substance abuse for a maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$114,000**, inclusive of \$45,600 for services provided September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 and \$68,400 for services provided September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021;
- B. Delegate to the Director of Behavioral Wellness or her designee the authority to make immaterial changes pursuant to Section 25 of the Agreement that do not change the amount or substantive terms of the Agreement and to amend Attachment E – Program Goals, Outcomes, and Measures pursuant to Exhibit A-1, Section 11.B. viii. of the Agreement without returning to the Board with a separate amendment, subject to the Board’s authority 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 Board's agenda to execute an Agreement for Services with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. (United Way North) to continue to provide engagement and outreach services to homeless individuals with persistent mental health and/or chronic substance abuse through AmeriCorps members. The Department of Behavioral Wellness (Behavioral Wellness) has contracted with United Way North to provide these services since 2016. United Way North's current contract expired on August 31, 2019.

Background:

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs. The AmeriCorps Program is a program of the United Way and is administered by California Volunteers and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Through the AmeriCorps Program, AmeriCorps members serve with the United Way and through other various agencies that assist veterans and people experiencing homelessness. Behavioral Wellness began working collaboratively with the United Way North in July 2016 to engage some of our community's most hard to reach, vulnerable, homeless individuals. Outreach services are delivered to the community at-large, special population groups, human service agencies, and to unserved or underserved homeless individuals. These services aim to enhance the mental health of the general population, prevent the onset of mental health problems in individuals and communities, and assist those persons experiencing distress who are not reached by traditional mental health treatment services to obtain a more adaptive level of functioning.

United Way North provides four (4) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) AmeriCorps staff members to serve with Behavioral Wellness, thereby allowing for the expansion of homeless outreach services in all three regions of the county. With the limited staffing resources primarily focused on [case management], utilizing the AmeriCorps program would increase BeWell's efficacy with existing efforts for outreach to homeless individuals with persistent mental health and/or chronic substance abuse. Effective as of September 1, 2020 United Way North will provide two additional FTEs, one (1) in North County and one (1) in South County, for a total of six (6) FTEs.

The utilization of AmeriCorps staff members by BeWell for engagement and outreach services to homeless individuals with serious persistent mental illness and/or chronic substance abuse is a benefit to the County because services are provided at minimal to low cost. In addition, it provides an opportunity for homeless individuals with persistent mental health and/or chronic substance abuse to not only receive the treatment they need for recovery but may also lead to attainment of permanent housing.

Performance Measures:

Northern Santa Barbara County United Way (UW) provides Behavioral Wellness with the equivalent of 4 AmeriCorps FTE’s to work with homeless care providers and county homeless outreach staff. UW ensures that there is on-going training/coaching for AmeriCorps staff.

In FY 18/19, the UW AmeriCorps staff conducted 1:1 interactions with homeless persons, assisted them with engaging in the larger continuum of care, made referrals and helped them to obtain benefits and housing. UW met or exceed all goals in FY18/19.

Fiscal and Financial Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 19-20:</u>	<u>FY 20-21:</u>	<u>FY 19-21 total</u>
General Fund			
State	\$45,600	\$45,600	\$91,200
Federal			
Fees			
Other: HEAP grant		\$22,800	\$22,800
Total	\$45,600	\$68,400	\$114,000

Narrative:

The above referenced contract is funded by State and HEAP grant funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2019-2020 approved budget. Behavioral Wellness will return to the Board for budget approval in FY 2020-2021, and FY 2021-2022.

Key Contract Risks:

With any contractor providing volunteer services, there is a risk that volunteer members will make errors, engage in misconduct, and be negligent in performance of assigned duties which may create liability to County. To mitigate these risks, the contract with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. allows Behavioral Wellness to directly supervise the volunteers and monitor their conduct. Additionally, the County’s standard insurance and indemnity for professional contracts is incorporated into the Agreement as Exhibit C.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) copy of the executed contract to: cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and bwelcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

Attachment A: Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. FY 19-21 Board Contract

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