



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 20, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director  
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness 681-5220  
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations  
Behavioral Wellness 681-5220  
**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness - Mental Health Association FY 16-17 Second Amendment  
and FY 17-18 contract renewal

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment for Services of Independent Contractor with **Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County** (dba Mental Wellness Center) (a local vendor), for the provision of Medi-Cal services at Alameda House and CG House effective March 1, 2017, with no change to original maximum contract amount of **\$1,724,054** through June 30, 2017;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County** (dba Mental Wellness Center) (a local vendor), for the provision of adult mental health services, for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$1,521,105** for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative actions of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

Behavioral Wellness provides specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries and other individuals to the extent resources allow, in part through contracted services. Approval of the

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

recommended actions will enable Behavioral Wellness to provide additional Medi-Cal services for FY 16-17 at two residential facilities and renews the contract for ongoing services for FY 17-18.

**Background:**

Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County (dba Mental Wellness Center (MWC)) provides residential and community mental health services to adults in the Santa Barbara area. MWC’s Family Advocate offers services to families of clients with serious mental illness through education, support and linkage to resources.

MWC currently provides services Intensive Residential through Casa Juana Maria and CG House programs in an Adult Residential Facility providing in-home rehabilitation and support services to residents. MWC also operates Alameda House, a residential program providing an adult housing program for individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). Alameda House and CG for FY 16-17 began providing Medi-Cal services to clients beginning in March at the request of Behavioral Wellness, for a more cost effective and enhanced service delivery model. The amendment to FY 16-17 provides Medi-Cal language and updates the contract budgets to reflect these services. There is no change to original maximum contract amount.

MWC also operates the Santa Barbara Recovery Learning Center that provides Consumer-Led Program that offers peer-support, self-help and connections to community resources, including health and wellness activities, as well as a Computer Lab for clients to have access to computers and learn related skills.

The De La Vina House was a new program for MWC this past year that provided permanent housing single room occupancy for five (5) clients. This provided greatly needed housing for the chronically homeless individuals who meet the Continuum of Care Shelter Plus care eligibility. Behavioral Wellness Homeless Outreach Worker and other Behavioral Wellness Contract providers will refer clients who meet the criteria for placement.

**Performance Measure:**

Mental Wellness Center demonstrated positive outcomes for the Casa Juana Maria program, which serves 6 severely mentally ill clients in a long-term residential setting. Through Quarter 2 of FY16/17, 33% (2 of the 6 clients) were either employed, enrolled in school/training or volunteering. All clients maintained stable/permanent housing. There were no incarcerations or psychiatric inpatient admissions for clients living at Casa Juana Maria. In addition to the long-term residential program, Mental Wellness Center operates two shorter-term residential programs, Alameda House and Cottage Grove. Performance measure data for Alameda House and Cottage Grove will be collected starting in FY17/18.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 17-18 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State		\$ 760,553	
Federal		\$ 760,553	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 1,521,105	

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in FY 2016-2017 Budget.

**Key Contract Risks:** As with any contract funded by State and Federal 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.

**Special Instructions:**

Please email one (1) signature page and one (1) minute order to Denise Morales at: [dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Mental Wellness Center FY 16-17 Amendment 2 BC

Attachment B: Mental Wellness Center FY 16-17 Amendment 1 BC

Attachment C: Mental Wellness Center FY 16-17 BC

Attachment D: Mental Wellness Center FY 17-18 BC

**Authored by:**

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