



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: May 7, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director, 805-681-5220
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Contractor on Payroll (COP) Agreements FY 19-20

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 and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Edwin Feliciano, M.D., to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$86,790;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Irwin Lunianski, M.D., to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$109,478.40;
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Daniel Litten, M.D., to provide support and internal medicine services for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000;
- D. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Mary Pat Sweeney, R.N., to provide "as needed" nursing services for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000;

- E. 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 potentially physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides specialty mental health services to adults with mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances, in part through contracted providers, including Contractors on Payroll (COP). The above referenced contracts comply with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015. Approval of the above listed contracts will ensure the continued provision of critical mental health and related services during FY 19-20.

Background:

Behavioral Wellness has experienced continuing difficulty recruiting and retaining psychiatrists and qualified Registered Nurses to the area. Although the County maintains an ongoing recruitment for psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses, it rarely produces enough qualified candidates to meet Departmental needs. COPs have helped to bridge the gap to provide needed mental health treatment capacity.

Edwin Feliciano, M.D. provides support to both the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) during the weekend and holiday hours when it is most challenging to staff these facilities.

Irwin Lunianski, M.D. provides psychiatrist services, assists with Quality Assurance and Utilization Management activities, including performing utilization review for hospital stays and providing disposition for appeals of hospital denials.

Daniel Litten, M.D. provides support services for mandated on-call and independent evaluations at the CSU and during use of seclusion and restraints at the PHF. Support services include: being on-call Monday through Friday, 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, and for twenty-four (24) hours on Saturday and Sunday, including holidays. In addition, Dr. Litten works with PHF and CSU staff to provide: patient diagnosis; behavior requiring seclusion/restraint or both; medical prescriptions; patient interviews, and notations on the designated seclusion/restraint form. Dr. Litten also provides: on-call and as scheduled internal medicine duties, which include: the provision of complete medical histories and physicals for PHF inpatients and CSU outpatients within twenty-four (24) hours, and follow-up medical care.

Mary Pat Sweeney R.N. provides psychiatric nursing services as needed at the PHF. Psychiatric nursing services include: Under the supervision of PHF administration, delivery of ongoing and comprehensive care to patients hospitalized at the PHF including performing admission assessments, provision of medications, and comprehensive psychiatric nursing in addition to functioning as a team leader for the shift. In addition, she is responsible for entering into the patient's health record complete and detailed patient histories and nursing assessments as well as taking orders from physicians and implementing them. She also identifies chief complaints and develops the initial treatment plan, initiates patient education and emergency interventions with clients, and would also interact with and counsel patients and their families regarding matters pertaining to their PHF stay.

For COPs who are retirees of Santa Barbara County or another California public retirement system, Government Code section 7522.56(d) limits the maximum number of hours and the maximum allowable hourly rate payable for their work performed as a contractor for Santa Barbara County.

Performance Measure:

- Clients maintaining safe and stable living environments;
- Decrease hospitalizations;
- Increase access to care;
- Decrease number of incarcerations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>FY 19-20 Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | \$139,134.20 | | |
| Federal | \$139,134.20 | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$278,268.40 | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 19-20 Proposed Budget.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the contract for each of the above to cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and Stefan Brewer, Position Control Division, Human Resources Department.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Edwin Feliciano, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 19-20
- Attachment B: Irwin Lunianski, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 19-20
- Attachment C: Daniel Litten, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 19-20
- Attachment D: Mary Pat Sweeney, R.N., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 19-20

Authored by:

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