



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:** July 11, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**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) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220  
Contact Info: Ole Behrendsten, MD, Medical Director, 805-681-5220

**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness Harold Ginsberg, M.D. Contractor on Payroll (COP)  
Agreement FY 17-18

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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 Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Harold Ginsberg, M.D., to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$45,760;
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve and commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant 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:**

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. The above referenced contract complies with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015 and has received the concurrence of the CEO/Human Resources Office. Approval of the above listed contract will ensure the continued provision of critical mental health and related services during FY 16-17.

**Background:**

Behavioral Wellness has experienced continuing difficulty recruiting and retaining psychiatrists in the area. COPs have helped to bridge the gap to provide needed mental health treatment capacity.

**Harold Ginsberg, M.D.** provides psychiatrist services to clients with co-occurring mental health and alcohol or other drug conditions in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Bridge to Care program in North County. This program provides psychiatric medication evaluation, prescriptions, and medication monitoring to stabilize individuals with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse issues. He will also be providing needed psychiatrist coverage to the Lompoc Mobile Crisis Triage Team.

**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:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 22,880.00		
Federal	\$ 22,880.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 45,760.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 17-18 Adopted Budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) executed contract for the above to [qilopez@co.santabarbara.ca.us](mailto:qilopez@co.santabarbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Harold Ginsberg, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 17-18

**Authored by:**

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