



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: March 5, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
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, 681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, PsyD. Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations,
681-5220
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Revision to the First Amendment FY 2017-2019 to
Department of Health Care Services Contract for FEMA Grant Funded Crisis
Counseling Services

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 Behavioral Wellness or designee to sign a new first amendment replacing certain sections within Agreement #17-94705 A01 with the state **Department of Health Care Services**, to clarify provisions of the multi-year agreement for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded crisis counseling services, but with no change to the total contract amount through April 30, 2019.
- B. 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 being brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the recommended actions authorizing the Behavioral Wellness Director or designee to sign this revised amendment from DHCS to correct the sequential order of provisions within the first amendment to align with the original FEMA grant contract approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2018.

Background:

In order to fund additional mental health crisis services needed due to the Thomas Fire and the 1/9 Debris Flow disasters that occurred from December 2017 to January 2018, Behavioral Wellness obtained Board approval in February 2018 to apply for a FEMA Crisis Counseling Services grant through DHCS. Behavioral Wellness then returned to the Board of Supervisors to accept the DHCS FEMA Agreement (No. 17-94705) which was approved on June 19, 2018, to provide crisis counseling from January 15, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

Then on January 8, 2019 the Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of a second round of FEMA grant funding from DHCS, in a first amendment to the Agreement (No. 17-94705 A01). The first amendment provided Behavioral Wellness with additional funds to extend and expand the provision of Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) services through April 30, 2019.

However, Behavioral Wellness received a new request from DHCS on February 12, 2019 to sign a revised first amendment to the Agreement (No. 17-94705 A01), with changes made to pages 2 through 5, to correct the sequential order which did not match the original contract.

There was no change to other language in the contract nor was there a change to the contact amount with this revision. The only changes have been made to the STD 213a A01 Agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The revision to the first amendment to the DHCS Agreement (#17-94705 A01) did not change the contract amount, but only renumbered sections within pages 2 through 5 of the prior first amendment.

Key Contract Risks:

There are no new anticipated risks from signing this revised amendment.

The funding is subject to congressional appropriation of funds. If the funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, DHCS has the option to either cancel this Contract with no liability occurring to DHCS, or offer an amended agreement to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount. It also passes on to the County the responsibility to repay any audit exception taken by the Federal government or the California State Auditor. The contract also imposes procedural and reporting requirements implemented by Behavioral Wellness that could be subject to audit in the future. However, Behavioral Wellness contracts with its service providers include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) copy of the minute order to Denise Morales at dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and the BWell Contracts Division at bwelcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: DHCS FY 2017-2019 FEMA Agreement 17-94705 A01 revised
- Attachment B: DHCS FY 2017-2019 FEMA Agreement 17-94705 A01
- Attachment C: DHCS FY 2017-2019 FEMA Agreement 17-94705
- Attachment D: DHCS Email 2-15-19

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