



**County of Santa Barbara  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Minute Order**

**February 25, 2020**

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS

File Reference No. 20-00141

**RE:** Consider recommendations regarding an Amendment with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to extend the Inter-Member Transfer Participation Agreement, as follows:

a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with CalMHSA, which would extend the Inter-Member Transfer Program Participation Agreement on behalf of the County for one additional year with an administrative and operations fee of \$2,984.45 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:**

a) **Approved, ratified and authorized; and**

b) **Approved.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: BeWell  
Department No.: 043  
For Agenda Of: February 25, 2020  
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, PH.D., Director  
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness 681-5220  
Contact Info: Pam Fisher,  
Behavioral Wellness 681-5220

**SUBJECT:** California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) – Amendment to Inter-Member Transfer Participation Agreement

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), which would extend the Inter-Member Transfer Program Participation Agreement on behalf of the County for one additional year with an administrative and operations fee of \$2,984.45 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and
- B. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the BeWell Director to enter into the CalMHSA Inter-Member Transfer Program (Program) Participation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on August 14, 2018. The MOU authorized the transfer of County funds to CalMHSA for the provision of foster youth specialty mental health services (SMHS) for foster youth placed out of the county. This item is on the agenda to request approval to allow the BeWell Director to sign an amendment to the MOU on behalf of County.



**Background:**

Counties that provide foster youth SMHS are reimbursed through federal financial participation (FFP) and matching county share Medi-Cal billing. A 2016 bill, AB 1299, added Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14717.1, which changed the responsibility for these services from the county of jurisdiction (sending county) to the county of residence (receiving county) in which the foster youth resides. AB 1299 requires that foster children placed outside of their county of original jurisdiction will now have access to SMHS within a timely manner through “presumptive transfer,” in which the receiving county assures that SMHS are provided.

CalMHSA is the fiscal administrative solution to the implementation of AB1299 by creating a centralized process for exchanging the non-federal funds required for AB 1299 cash flow, namely a banking pool. The law failed to anticipate that receiving counties without adequate reserves would be unable to implement the current statute. Medi-Cal programs require uniformity in statewide access. The banking pool meets this statewide goal through an efficient means of transferring county funds to provide treatment to vulnerable youth.

The mental health service is reimbursed through federal financial participation (FFP) and matching county share Medi-Cal billing, as well as additional payments if necessary services are rendered. Currently, the estimated cost for Medi-Cal services is \$59,689 which is based on previous years that is included in the FY 2019/2020 budget. If BeWell opted-out of the CalMHSA banking pool program, the County would have to use staff resources to conduct these additional administrative services, such as costs for contracting, certifying of providers, negotiating with vendors, accounts-payable services, and monitoring.

CalMHSA is requesting that Santa Barbara County approve the amended participation agreement to extend the current term for one additional year, commencing July 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 2020, with an administration fee of \$2,984.45 for the administration and operation of the Inter-member Transfer Program.

**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	\$ 59,689.00	\$ 59,689.00	
Federal Fees	\$ 2,984.45	\$ 2,984.45	
Other:			
Total	\$ 62,673.45	\$ 62,673.45	

**Narrative:** The above-referenced contract is funded through State Mental Health Realignment funds. This funding source was included in the FY 2019-2020 budget process and was approved. The subsequent year will be contingent on Board of Supervisor budget approval. Approval of this amendment does not impact the general fund contribution.

**Key Contract Risks**

If BeWell opted out of the CalMHSA banking pool program, we would be responsible for the additional administrative cost of contracting, including certification of providers, negotiation with vendors, accounts payable service, and monitoring. Once opting into the program, the County must provide CalMHSA with six months’ notice.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) scanned copy of the Minute Order to Denise Morales: [dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) and [bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CalMHSA Inter-Member Transfer Program Amended Agreement FY 19-20

Attachment B: CalMHSA Inter-Member Transfer Program Agreement FY 18-19

**Authored by:** D. Morales

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT  
COVER SHEET

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1. Santa Barbara County ("Participant") desires to participate in the Program identified below.

Name of Program: Inter-Member Transfer(s)

2. This Participation Agreement Amendment extends the current term for one additional year, commencing July 1, 2019 through and including June 30, 2020.

3. Funding - An administration fee of \$2,984.45, is payable on or before July 1, 2019 for the administration and operation of the program.

NOTE: Upon the initial funding amount being reduced to 20%, CalMHSA will send a request for replenishment funding based actual transactions performed

4. All other terms of the initial Participation Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

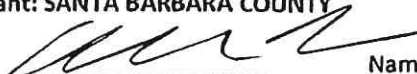
Authorized Signatures:

CalMHSA

Signed:  Name (Printed): John E. Chaguica, CPA, MBA, ARM

Title: Interim Executive Director Date: 3-9-2020

Participant: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Signed:  Name (Printed): Alice Gleshorn

Title: Behavioral Health Director Date: 3/2/2020