



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 24, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Institute for Mental Disease Amendments: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20
and Vista Pacifica Enterprises 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 the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement BC 18-081 for services of Independent Contractor with Cf Merced Behavioral, LLC, a California limited liability company, dba **Merced Behavioral Center** (not a local vendor) FY 17-20, an Institute for Mental Disease, to increase the FY 19-20 contract by **\$450,000** for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$2,819,585** for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement BC 19-283 for Services of Independent Contractor with **Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.**, a California corporation (not a local vendor) an Institute for Mental Disease and a Skilled Nursing Facility to increase the FY 19-20 contract by **\$380,000** for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$1,380,000** for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and
- C. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The above referenced items are on the agenda to request an increase in the total contract amounts of the following contracts: Merced Behavioral Center (Merced) and Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc. (VPE). Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) to pay for additional client placements at each facility and an increase in bed rates for FY 19-20 at Merced.

BeWell provides a continuum of specialty mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. Due to an increased demand for inpatient contracted long-term beds, BeWell needs to amend the two contracts listed above. These amendments will be funded through existing IMD and Acute Hospital contract savings. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BeWell to continue to provide mandated mental health and ancillary services.

Background:

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD): IMDs are facilities including hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California and none in Santa Barbara County. BeWell contracts with IMDs that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Patches, and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers. BeWell also contracts with IMD-alternative facilities, which are unlocked facilities providing highly structural residential programs for clients transitioning out of IMDs.

Merced Behavioral Center (Merced), located in Merced County, provides intensive psychiatric mental health treatment, medical assessment, diagnosis, and monitoring in a locked setting.

VPE has two California facilities: Vista Pacifica Center, located in Jurupa Valley, and Vista Pacifica Convalescent in Riverside. Vista Pacifica Center specializes in geropsychology and offers four levels of service for residents who require high levels of supervision, such as those whose behavioral and medical needs include: absence without leave, extreme verbal aggression, or abusive and threatening behavior towards staff and peers. Other behaviors include being suicidal, destroying property, and having severe psychosis, which requires frequent redirection, counseling, and behavior modification from staff. Vista Pacifica Convalescent specializes in Alzheimer's care distinguished by three levels: Level A focuses on residents with chronic mental health diagnoses, specifically, active delusions, hallucinations, and/or mood swings. Level B focuses on residents with dual diagnoses of Dementia and chronic mental illness with active psychosis. Level C focuses on residents with chronic mental health illness who are not stable on medications.

Performance Outcomes:

The current funding projections for Merced are based on an average client caseload of 12. Contract utilization ratio through December 2019 is 89%. The increase is needed to cover services for the remainder of the fiscal year: February 2020 through June 2020. The current funding projections for VP are based on an average client caseload of 19. Contract utilization ratio through December 2019 is 67%. The increase is needed to cover services for the remainder of the FY 19-20.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY 19-20 Cost:</u>	<u>Total Contract Amount</u>	
General Fund			
State	\$ 4,199,585.00	\$ 4,199,585.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 4,199,585.00	\$ 4,199,585.00	\$ -

Narrative: The above-referenced contracts are funded by State funds. The current contract increases will be funded through existing IMD and Acute Hospital contract savings.

Key Contract Risks:

There is risk that the number of contracted IMD and IMD-alternative beds may increase beyond what the BeWell has projected. In this case, BeWell will return to the Board of Supervisors to request an increase to the contract maximums where needed.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of each executed amendment and one (1) minute order to: abello@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and the BeWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 4
- Attachment B: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 19-20 Am 1
- Attachment C: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 3
- Attachment D: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 2
- Attachment E: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 1
- Attachment F: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 BC 18-081
- Attachment G: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 19-20 BC 19-283

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