



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 12, 2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness Medical Doctors Associates Contract Renewal FY 16-17

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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 an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor **Medical Doctor Associates** (not a local vendor), for the provision of locum tenens psychiatry services, for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$850,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- 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 potentially 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:**

The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, including psychiatric services at its County facilities. Behavioral Wellness uses temporary staffing agencies to provide locum tenens psychiatrists to backfill staffing shortages in budgeted positions, ensuring client access to care in a timely manner.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated and greatly needed psychiatry services in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas without disruption to services.

**Background:**

Behavioral Wellness currently uses locum tenens temporary physicians to fill ongoing needs for psychiatric staff at outpatient facilities Medical Doctor Associates (MDA) provides temporary psychiatrists to backfill vacancies at the Psychiatric Health Facility, Behavioral Wellness clinics, and at other Behavioral Wellness programs as needed.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 16-17</u></b>	
General Fund		
State	\$	425,000.00
Federal	\$	425,000.00
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$	850,000.00
	\$	-
	\$	-

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2016-2017 Budget.

**Key Contract Risks:**

With any contractor providing temporary staffing services, there is a risk that temporary personnel will make errors, engage in misconduct, or be negligent in performance of assigned duties. Each of the contracts allows Behavioral Wellness to terminate individual temporary staff for cause, and requires that the agency provide Professional Liability insurance to mitigate these risks.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) minute order and one (1) copy of the signature page to [admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Medical Doctors Associates FY 16-17

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