



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: October 13, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
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 805-681-5220
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SUBJECT: **Institutions for Mental Disease FY 20-23 Contract Renewal: Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.**

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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.**, a California corporation (not a local vendor), for the provision of mental health services and residential treatment services for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$4,200,000**, inclusive of \$1,400,000 per fiscal year, for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023;
- B) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to make immaterial changes to the Agreements; reallocate funds between funding sources or programs or agree to rates other than the Per Diem Rates for special circumstances during the term of the Agreements as long as there is no change to the Maximum Contract Amounts; and amend the Program Goals, Outcomes, and Measures in Exhibits E of the Agreements, all without requiring formal amendment thereto and subject to the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C) 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:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request approval to execute an agreement for Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services for FYs 20-23 with Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc. (VPE). Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to continue to provide mandated mental health and ancillary services to its clients.

BWell 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.

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. Behavioral Wellness contracts with IMDs that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Patches, and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers. Behavioral Wellness also contracts with IMD-alternative facilities, which are unlocked facilities providing highly structural residential programs for clients transitioning out of IMDs.

VPE has two California facilities: Vista Pacifica Center and Vista Pacifica Convalescent, located in Riverside, California. Vista Pacifica Center specializes in geropsychology and offers four levels of service for residents who require high levels of supervision with behavioral and medical needs including: being absent without leave; being extremely verbally aggressive or threatening and abusive toward staff and peers; 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 and offers three levels of care: Level A focuses on residents with chronic mental health diagnosis and with active delusions and 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:

VPE

VPE's IMD client caseload increased from 6 at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to a current caseload of 11. However, the current funding projections are based a caseload of 16 for the months of April through June 2020.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 20-21 Cost</u>	<u>FY 21-22 Cost</u>	<u>FY 22-23 Cost</u>	<u>Overall Cost FY 20-23</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$4,200,000.00

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by State funds.

Key Contract Risks:

There is risk that the number of contracted IMD and IMD-alternative beds may increase beyond what BWell has projected. In this case, BWell 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 the executed Board Contract and one (1) minute order to: cfoschaar@sbcbwell.org and the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc. FY 20-23 Board Contract

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