



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:** June 28, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Department of Rehabilitation Cooperative Program FY 22-25 Revenue  
Agreement Transition-Age Youth Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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**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 Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to execute the cooperative Agreement No. 32003 with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) for the Department of Behavioral Wellness to coordinate and provide vocational rehabilitation services to transition-age youth (TAY) for a multiyear cost reimbursement not to exceed **\$1,409,472** (with a local cash match requirement of \$495,000) for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025;
- B. Authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to execute any and all other documents required by the State DOR to carry out the multi-year grant Agreement, including contract certification, delegation of authority to request reimbursement of expenses, any data records required, and any subsequent amendments that do not change the amount or term of the grant;
- 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 potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

### **Summary Text:**

Behavioral Wellness has participated in cooperative agreements with the state Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) since 1998 to deliver vocational services to Behavioral Wellness clients. This item is being presented to the Board of Supervisors to request approval to enter into a multi-year cooperative agreement with DOR to provide transition-age youth (TAY) clients with Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition Services.

Behavioral Wellness will receive up to \$1,409,472 over the contract period FY 22-25, with a required cash match of \$495,000. Approval of the recommended action will allow Behavioral Wellness to partner with DOR to secure ongoing federal funding to provide essential vocational and employment services to TAY clients with severe and persistent mental illness.

### **Background:**

DOR provides vocational rehabilitation and supported employment services to Californians with disabilities under Title I and Title VI, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. One of DOR's priorities is to expand outreach and services to transition-age youth between the ages of 16 to 25 years of age.

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Santa Barbara County. Some clients are also eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation services from DOR. For this cooperative agreement, the Santa Barbara District of DOR and Behavioral Wellness will utilize staff and resources to provide vocational rehabilitation services to Behavioral Wellness consumers who also receive services through our Behavioral Wellness TAY Program. The identified TAY clients will have a diagnosis of mental illness, meet DOR and Behavioral Wellness criteria for services, and express motivation to seek employment.

DOR will determine client eligibility, assist the client with developing an Individual Plan for Employment (IPE), provide vocational counseling, and provide service coordination. BWell will supplement the above services by providing psychiatric inpatient/outpatient treatment, medication monitoring, case management services, and skill development services. The intent of these services is twofold, to stabilize the client's mental health and to prepare the individual with skills necessary to secure and maintain competitive and successful employment which will lead to self-sufficiency.

Funding from this program will allow BWell to create a cohesive and collaborative team which will provide key vocational assessment services, motivational interviewing to resolve work barriers, and assist the client with developing the skills and behaviors required to achieve success. The grant will continue to fully fund three (3) vocation rehabilitation specialist positions previously allocated within the last award period and ongoing renewal funding after the three-year period. The positions already exist in the salary model and have been utilized for the last three years as a part of the grant. The renewal of this contract will secure funding for those positions and are already incorporated in the recommended 2022-2023 Budget.

Services will be provided at the Behavioral Wellness Children's Clinics located in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria. During the term of this multiyear agreement, approximately 450 clients will be served. An important aspect of client recovery is gaining and maintaining employment. The employment support services offered to Behavioral Wellness clients through this program are integral to their recovery process.

Activities included in this Agreement will assist BWell clients with successfully obtaining and retaining employment, and help them to develop skills to live independently in their communities.

## **Performance Outcomes**

Overall, DOR and the TAY mental health cooperative team performed well over the three year contract period. With a goal of serving 150 clients per Fiscal year, DOR successfully served 151 unduplicated clients in FY 19-20, 170 unduplicated clients in FY 2020-2021, and 124 unduplicated clients in 2021-2022. Performance Outcomes for FY 2021-2022 are inclusive of data up to April 25, 2022. Therefore, data does not reflect the full fiscal year. Illustrated below are the Performance Outcomes for Fiscal Years 19-22:

### **1. Personal, Vocational, Social Adjustment (PVSA) services received.**

- A. For FY 19-20, it was expected that 70 TAY DOR clients will receive PVSA services.
  - **During FY 19-20, 75 TAY DOR clients received PVSA services.**
- B. For FY 20-21, it was expected that 147 TAY DOR clients will receive will receive PVSA services.
  - **During FY 20-21, 79 TAY DOR clients received PVSA services.**
- C. For FY 21-22, it was expected that 70 TAY DOR clients will receive PVSA services.
  - **During FY 21-22, 18 TAY DOR clients received PVSA services.**

### **2. Employment Preparation services received.**

- A. For FY 19-20, it was expected that 80 TAY DOR clients will receive Employment Preparation services.
  - **During FY 19-20, 164 TAY DOR clients received Employment Preparation services.**
- B. For FY 20-21, it was expected that 80 TAY DOR clients will receive Employment Preparation services.
  - **During FY 20-21, 140 TAY DOR clients received Employment Preparation.**
- C. For FY 21-22, it was expected that 70 TAY DOR clients will receive Employment Preparation services.
  - **During FY 21-22, 164 TAY DOR clients received Employment Preparation services.**

### **3. Successful client Closure.**

- A. For FY 19-20, it was expected that of the DOR clients who are placed in employment, 35 will result in DOR successful closure.
  - **During FY 19-20, 20 cases were closed successfully.**
- B. For FY 20-21, it was expected that of the DOR clients who are placed in employment, 35 will result in DOR successful closure.
  - **During FY 20-21, 27 cases were closed successfully.**
- C. For FY 21-22, it was expected that of the DOR clients who are placed in employment, 35 will result in DOR successful closure.
  - **During FY 21-22, 23 cases were closed successfully.**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no fiscal impact to Behavioral Wellness. Approval of this Agreement will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the Department of Behavioral Wellness. The DOR Agreement will fund the added services and continue to fund three (3) Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist positions. Behavioral Wellness will cover the cash match for the three year period with existing MHSA funds and it was included in the recommended budget for FY 2022-2023.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized FY 22-23 Revenue:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized FY 23-24 On-going Revenue:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized FY 24-25 On-going Revenue</u></b>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State			\$ -
Federal	\$ 469,824.00	\$ 469,824.00	\$ 469,824.00
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other:	\$	\$	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 469,824.00</b>	<b>\$ 469,824.00</b>	<b>\$ 469,824.00</b>

Narrative: This agreement between Behavioral Wellness Mental Health Services and DOR will provide cost reimbursement from DOR. The expenditures will be tracked and included in the Department’s 2022-2023 Budget.

**Key Contract Risks:**

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. However, this agreement is a cost reimbursement Agreement for services that are satisfactorily completed. After the contract ends if it is not renewed staff will be reassigned to existing programs. If budgetary funds revert due to failure to submit claims or invoices in a timely manner, Behaviors Wellness does have the option to submit claims through the Department of General Services where approval to pay is not guaranteed. If the claims are not approved the Department of Behavioral Wellness would need to use their own existing funds to support the cost, which would be minimal. There is minimal risk that Behavioral Wellness will fail to submit claims in a timely manner. In addition, this agreement can be terminated for convenience by either party on thirty (30) days’ notice.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one scanned (1) Minute Order to the Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org) and to Amber Foschaar at: [cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org](mailto:cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Department of Rehabilitation FY 22-25 TAY Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program, Agreement No. 32003

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