



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: November 1, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness 805-681-5220
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Update to the FY 2020-23 Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and adopt the Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Update to the Department of Behavioral Wellness' FY 2020-23 **Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan**, which was developed in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5847-5848 and California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) requirements; and
- B. Determine that the above action is a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is an organizational or administrative activity of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines..

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to provide an update to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Annual Update Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23, for funded programs and services, as required by state law and in accordance with instructions and regulations from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to comply with the state law requirement, per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5847(a), that the Board of Supervisors adopt the MHSA Plan, annual updates, and any amendments to the annual update, and will ensure Behavioral Wellness continues to receive Mental Health Services Act funding in a timely manner.

Background:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides specialty mental health services to individuals with specialty mental health needs, and to the extent resources allow, to uninsured children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) and adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). The Mental Health Services Act, passed by California voters in 2004, levied a 1% tax on annual incomes over \$1 million to increase funding for new and expanded mental health services.

The Fiscal Year 2022-23 MHSA Plan Update provides information on the progress and improvements in Santa Barbara County’s Behavioral Wellness system during FY 2021-22, while outlining strategies for FY 2022-23. The Department coordinated a robust planning process including fourteen stakeholder meetings to solicit input and guidance from individuals and groups. Additional feedback was received May 16th, 2022 to June 14th, 2022 during the thirty-day draft plan public posting period; and, the Behavioral Health Commission held a Public Hearing on June 15th, 2022. Based on the input received during the three-year planning process, the Department created the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Annual Update for FY 22-23. The Board approved this plan on June 28th, 2022. The Department submitted this approved Plan to DHCS and MHSAOAC on June 30th.

Since the posting of this final plan, BWell has determined to amend the current Plan to transfer funding from the Community Services and Supports Program to the Capital Facilities and Technology Needs Program to fund a new Electronic Health Records system (EHR). The new EHR will be developed and implemented as part of California Health Services Authority’s (“CalMHSA”) Semi-Statewide Enterprise Health Record project. Santa Barbara County would join over twenty counties in participating in the project. This new EHR is necessary due to the new California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiatives and in order to comply with new Medi-Cal law. The new EHR will leverage CalAIM initiatives and include upgraded inter-operability.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

In a separate Board agenda item, BWell will request Board approval to execute the CalMHSA Participation Agreement for the Semi-Statewide Enterprise Health Record Program and request Board approval of a Budget Revision Request to provide funding for that agreement. There are no budget impacts from the approval of the MHSA Plan Update Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to bethle@sbcbbwell.org and to bbwellcontractsstaff@sbcbbwell.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: MHSA Plan Update Amendment for FY 22-23
- Attachment B: MHSA Plan Annual Update FY 22-23 Executed

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