



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:** May 2, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director  
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220  
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director, 805-681-5220  
**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness Contractor on Payroll (COP) Agreements FY 17-18

**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 a COP Agreement with Fred Berge, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$180,180;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a COP Agreement with Edwin Feliciano, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$86,790;
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a COP Agreement with Lawrence Levy, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$263,724;
- D. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a COP Agreement with Daniel Litten, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000;
- E. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a COP Agreement with Irwin Lunianski, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$109,478.40;

- F. 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 Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides specialty mental health services to adults with mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances, in part through contracted providers, including Contractors on Payroll (COP). The above referenced contracts comply with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015. Approval of the above listed contract will ensure the continued provision of critical mental health and related services during FY 17-18.

**Background:**

Behavioral Wellness has experienced continuing difficulty recruiting and retaining psychiatrists to the area. COPs have helped to bridge the gap to provide needed mental health treatment capacity.

**Fred Berge, M.D.** provides psychiatric services and early intervention services to Transition-Age Youth (age 16-24). Psychiatric services include development, review, revision, and approval of client assessments, evaluations and treatment plans; prescription and administration of psychiatric medications, as needed; assistance to clients with symptom management and development of personal coping skills; medication education for clients and families; and training, education and support to Behavioral Wellness staff and multi-disciplinary team members.

**Edwin Feliciano, M.D.** provides support to both the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) during the weekend and holiday hours when it is most challenging to staff these facilities.

**Lawrence Levy, M.D.** provides bilingual psychiatrist services to clients at the Santa Maria ACT Model Program or other County facilities as needed. Psychiatrist services include: performing diagnostic suicide, Tarasoff, involuntary admissions, prescription and administration of psychiatric medications, as needed. Services also include reviewing and approving assessment and treatment plans of clients; providing consultation, training and support of multi-disciplinary team members; and accommodating urgent or emergent concerns, or walk-in requests.

**Daniel Litten, M.D.** provides psychiatrist services for mandated on-call and independent evaluations at the CSU and during use of seclusion and restraints at the PHF. Psychiatric services include: being on-call Monday through Friday, 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM, and for twenty-four (24) hours on Saturday and Sunday, including holidays. In addition, Dr. Litten works with PHF and CSU staff specific to: patient diagnosis; behavior requiring seclusion/restraint or both; medical prescriptions; patient interviews, notations on the designated seclusion/restraint form; internal medicine duties, on-call and as scheduled with complete medical histories and physicals for PHF inpatients and CSU outpatients within twenty-four (24) hours, and provide follow-up medical care.

**Irwin Lunianski, M.D.** provides psychiatrist services, assists with Quality Assurance and Utilization Management activities, including performing utilization review for hospital stays and providing disposition for appeals of hospital denials.

For COPs who are retirees of Santa Barbara County or another California public retirement system, Government Code section 7522.56(d) limits the maximum number of hours and the maximum allowable hourly rate payable for their work performed as a contractor for Santa Barbara County.

**Performance Measure:**

- Clients maintaining safe and stable living environments;
- Decrease hospitalizations;
- Increase access to care;
- Decrease number of incarcerations.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 350,086.20		
Federal	\$ 350,086.20		
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 700,172.40</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 17-18 Proposed Budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the contract for each of the above to [gilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:gilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Fred Berge, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 17-18
- Attachment B: Edwin Feliciano, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 17-18
- Attachment C: Lawrence Levy, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 17-18
- Attachment D: Daniel Litten, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 17-18
- Attachment E: Irwin Lunianski, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 17-18

**Authored by:**

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