



**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 25, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Second Amendment to California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP) Participation Agreement, Fiscal Year 2022-2024

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller 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 Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute a **Second Amendment to California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP) Participation Agreement No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB-A2** to clarify that the 15% administrative fee added by a prior contract amendment is applicable only to funding rendered and paid for from the total flexible spending account (“FSA”) during the project period and to delete language, which states “refunds for service requests via a work order will be less the administrative fee, equal to 15%,” with no change to the September 13, 2022 through June 30, 2024 term of the agreement and no change to the maximum contract amount of \$42,080. (Attachment A);
- 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 organizational or an 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:

On September 12, 2023, the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP) Participation Agreement (No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB) was amended to add the option for the County of Santa Barbara to procure subject matter (“SME”) services from CalMHSA through a flexible spending account (“FSA”) and added an additional \$20,000 to be used for these SME services. BHQIP is an incentive program for implementing changes to program services required from CalAIM healthcare reform. CalMHSA provides fiscal and administrative services to assist counties in this effort. The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) or designee to execute a Second Amendment to the CalMHSA BHQIP agreement (No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB-AM2) to clarify that the 15% administrative fee added by the first amendment is applicable only to funding for services rendered and paid for from the total FSA during the project period. The Second Amendment also deletes language, which states “refunds for service requests via a work order will be less the administrative fee, equal to 15%.” The Second Amendment does not change the September 13, 2022 through June 30, 2024 term of the agreement and does not change the maximum contract amount of \$42,080.

Background:

In 2014, the Board approved Behavioral Wellness’ membership in CalMHSA. CalMHSA provides fiscal or administrative services to its members such as group purchasing, contract management, research and development, data management, maintenance of a research depository, technical assistance, capacity building, education, and training; and execution of policy requests. CalMHSA also provides its members with the ability to deal jointly with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of State Hospitals, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, and the legislature.

On September 13, 2022 the Board approved the CalMHSA BHQIP Participation Agreement for No. 1303-BHQIP-SB for September 13, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Under CalAIM, BHQIP is an incentive payment program to support Mental Health Plans, Drug Medi-Cal State Plans, and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems, as they prepare for changes in the CalAIM initiative and other approved administration priorities. CalAIM is a DHCS initiative to reform the Medi-Cal program to help address many of the complex challenges facing California’s most vulnerable residents. It offers beneficiaries a more equitable, coordinated, person-centered approach to maximize their health.

Under the current BHQIP Participation Agreement, CalMHSA provides BWell with assistance to achieve the Policy Change Milestone to update Utilization Management Protocols by conducting a landscape analysis of documentation audit practices and draft an updated Utilization Management protocol to comply with best practices and updated documentation audit standards. Additionally, it provides services to achieve the Data Exchange Milestone. CalMHSA collects and analyzes Managed Care Plan data to establish a baseline for three performance measures: follow-up after emergency department visit for alcohol and other drug abuse or dependence, follow-up after emergency department visit for mental illness, and pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder.

On September 12, 2023, the CalMHSA BHQIP Participation Agreement was amended to add the option for the County of Santa Barbara to procure Service Matter Expert (SME) services from CalMHSA through an FSA and added an additional \$20,000 to be used for these services (No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB-AM1). This Second Amendment clarifies that the 15% administrative fee added in the First Amendment is applicable only for the Service Matter Expert (SME) services rendered by CalMHSA and paid for from the total FSA during the project period and to delete language, which states “refunds for service requests

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via a work order will be less the administrative fee, equal to 15%.” The BWell Director or designee will authorize the allocation of the Service Matter Expert (SME) services and approve the hours through a work order process.

Performance Measure:

CalMHSA facilitates the efficient use of resources for multiple public entities by providing group purchasing power, joint development of requests for proposal and contracts for services, reduced overhead costs through sharing of the expenses of administration and reporting, and shared research and strategies. CalMHSA’s administration of this program will result in greater efficiency in the implementation of these mandated services for compliance with state and federal requirements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>BHQIP Cost FY 22-24</u>
General Fund	
State	\$ 21,040.00
Federal	\$ 21,040.00
Fees	
Other:	
Total	\$ 42,080.00

Narrative: BHQIP costs are funded with Federal Medicaid funds using State Realignment funding as the local match. The funding is held in a CalMHSA Professional Services Flexible Spending and available for the County’s usage for professional services related to implementing various BHQIP deliverables. If the County does not use the funds allocated to the Professional Services Flexible Spending Account the funds will be returned to the County less the 15% administrative fee. Funding for this amendment has been included in the FY 2023-2024 Adopted Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

The County may withdraw from the Program upon six months’ written notice to CalMHSA.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the above items to Deidre Baker at dbaker@sbcbswell.org and the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: CalMHSA FY 22-24 PA No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB A2

Attachment B: CalMHSA FY 22-24 PA No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB A1

Attachment C: CalMHSA FY 22-24 PA No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB

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