



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: March 21, 2023
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
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director, (805) 681-5220
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Contractor on Payroll FY 22-24 Muhammad Salman ul Haq, M.D.

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 a Contractor on Payroll Agreement with **Muhammad Salman ul Haq, M.D.**, for the provision of medical support services for the period of March 21, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed **\$20,000.00** (Attachment A); and
- B. Determine that the above action is government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that 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 Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) 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 contract complies with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy, approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015. Approval of the above-referenced contract will ensure the continued provision of critical mental health and related services during FY 22-23 and FY 23-24.

Background:

BWell has experienced continued difficulty recruiting and retaining individuals who are certified and licensed to provide specialty and ancillary mental health services to the area. Although the County maintains ongoing recruitment for individuals certified and licensed to provide ancillary mental health services, it rarely produces enough qualified candidates to meet departmental needs. A COP helps to bridge the gap in mental health treatment capacity.

Muhammad Salman ul Haq, M.D. will provide the following back-up coverage, as needed, for the current BWell Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) intern: Internal Medicine duties, on-call and as scheduled: A. Complete medical histories and physicals for PHF within twenty-four (24) hours of admittance and provide follow-up medical care. B. Prescribe medication and treatment, and order tests. 3. CONTRACTOR will review the patient’s clinical records for PHF patients. 4. CONTRACTOR will remain “on-call” and available to provide evaluations after Internal Medicine duties have concluded for the day, unless otherwise agreed with COUNTY.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Dr. Haq FY 22-24 Cost:</u>	<u>FY 22-24 Total Contract Maximum</u>	
General Fund			
State	\$10,000.00		
Federal	\$10,000.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	

Narrative: The above-referenced is funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 22-23 Budget and will be included in the FY 23-24 Proposed Budget.

Key Contract Risks: As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future Medi-Cal audit disallowances. However, BWell provides training to contractors to minimize financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the above contract to cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org, bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org, and Stefan Brewer, Employment and Workforce Planning Division, Human Resources Department at SBrewer@SBcountyhr.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Muhammad Salman ul Haq, M.D. FY 22-24 Contractor on Payroll Agreement

Authored by:

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