



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: December 12, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Dr. Alice Gleghorn, Ph. D., Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness - 681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations
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SUBJECT: State Department of Health Care Services Mental Health Performance Contract
FY 17-18

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to Form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute a \$0 Performance Contract with the California State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- B. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Every year DHCS issues a Performance Contract with Behavioral Wellness that outlines the conditions and requirements for receipt of funds through the following state funding sources: the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Community Mental Health Services Grant (MHBG) and realignment funds for providing community mental health services. This is being brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the recommended action authorizing the Behavioral Wellness Director to execute the contract agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in the contract to allow Behavioral to continue to receive mental health funding through these state funding sources for FY 17-18.

Background:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides services to individuals with serious mental health issues. This State Performance Contract provides the terms and conditions for reimbursement of mental health services funded by MHSA, PATH and MHBG. In addition, it outlines Data Information and Submission Requirements, Information Confidentiality and Security Requirements and Information Exchange Agreement between Social Security Administration and DHCS. Behavioral Wellness received the Performance Contract from DHCS on October 23, 2017, and after review, determined that only minor and non-substantive changes have been made to this year's version of the contract. The Agreement will be effective retroactively from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The requirements for the Performance Contract are outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5650(a), 5651, 5666, 5897, and Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 3310. Behavioral Wellness provides the following services using the funding sources specified above:

- **MHSA:** Behavioral Wellness provides mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents without a payor source using MHSA funds. In addition, MHSA funds are used to provide services not reimbursable by Medi-Cal, such as prevention and early intervention services, and development of affordable housing units. Services are provided by Behavioral Wellness and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs).
- **PATH:** Behavioral Wellness uses PATH funding to identify and engage homeless individuals with severe mental illness. Services are provided by Behavioral Wellness staff, and include education and support to clients and staff of local homeless shelters; and outreach, assessment, linkages, and housing assistance for homeless individuals.
- **MHBG:** Behavioral Wellness uses MHBG funding to fund a Placement Liaison, who works with Behavioral Wellness programs to provide treatment to individuals in the Adult Mental Health System of Care with the greatest need, with the goal of reducing out-of-county placements in highly restrictive settings, such as State Hospitals and Institutions for Mental Disease. In addition, the Placement Liaison aims to move individuals from locked placements into local community residential and independent living placements.

Behavioral Wellness must meet certain conditions and requirements, detailed in this Performance Contract, to receive funding for these programs and community mental health services. The Performance Contract does not cover federal financial participation or State general funds as they relate to Medi-Cal services provided through the Mental Health Plan contract

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: NA

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: NA

Narrative: This is a \$0 agreement between Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness and the State Department of Health Care Services. There is no direct fiscal impact to Behavioral Wellness.

Key Contract Risks:

The Performance Contract imposes procedural and reporting requirements that Behavioral Wellness currently implements, but which may be subject to future audit. Failure to fully comply with the reporting requirements detailed in the Performance Contract could result in the State withholding funding.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to Denise Morales at dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: State Performance Agreement FY 17-18

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