



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

November 4, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00949

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Template for Assembly Bill 1051 Out-of-County Foster Children and Youth Placement for Fiscal Years 2025-2028, as follows:

a) Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute MOU(s) with county Mental Health Plan(s) for the care of County of Santa Barbara Medi-Cal eligible foster children and youth who are placed in certain residential facilities and receiving Specialty Mental Health Services outside of the County of Santa Barbara in other counties as required under Assembly Bill 1051 on a case-by-case basis in form and content substantially similar to the single-use agreement template with a total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per placement through June 30, 2028:

i) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee, as the Director of the County of Original Jurisdiction, the authority to (i) approve authorization (whether initial or renewal) requests for additional services or treatment at a higher level of care per Section IX of the MOU; and (ii) authorize an increase in funding, if actual service levels exceed initial estimates for more intensive treatment purposes, provided the increase in funding is within available appropriations and does not cause the total maximum contract amount of this MOU to exceed \$100,000.00 per Section X, all without requiring the Board of Supervisors' approval of an amendment of the MOU, subject to the Board of Supervisors' ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;

b) Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute MOU(s) with county Mental Health Plan(s) for the care of Medi-Cal eligible foster children and youth from other counties who are placed in certain residential facilities and receiving Specialty Mental Health Services in the County of Santa Barbara as required under Assembly Bill 1051 on a case-by-case basis in form and content substantially similar to the single-use agreement template with a total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per placement through June 30, 2028; and

c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA



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Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) i) Approved and authorized;
- b) Approved and authorized; and
- c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino