



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: July 16, 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: **Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) FY 24-26 Services Agreement for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention Services**

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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 an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)** (not a local vendor) for the provision of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention program services and training for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$885,948**, inclusive of \$442,974 per fiscal year, for the period of **July 1, 2024**, through **June 30, 2026**;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt services for convenience and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Sections 20 and 26 of the Agreement; make changes to the service locations and staffing requirements per Exhibit A-2; reallocate between funding sources and programs per Exhibits B and B-1; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E, all without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- c) Determine that the above action is a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)** for the provision of Prevention and Early Intervention program services and Mental Health Services Act Training for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 for a total contract maximum of \$885,948.

Background:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part, through contracted providers, including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). BWell has contracted with Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP), since May 2020 and continues to contract with MICOP for in-person, video, and phone interpretation services for clients with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and their families whose primary language is Mixteco.

In Fiscal Year 2024-26, BWell would like MICOP to expand by providing additional Mental Health services to BWell clients in the Santa Maria and Guadalupe areas of Santa Barbara County. MICOP will provide prevention services as part of the Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) program. The purpose of this PEI program is to link Indigenous populations to a culturally sensitive and informed system of care. The PEI program will provide outreach for increasing recognition of early signs of mental illness, prevention services that reduce risk factors for developing mental health conditions, and increasing access and linkages to behavioral health services for Indigenous members of our community. MICOP will educate Indigenous migrant families to help them develop protective factors and reduce risk factors for developing mental illness, to educate them to prevent domestic violence, and to provide assistance linking to behavioral health services.

MICOP staff for this new PEI program will include a Program Director and Program Coordinator in Santa Maria, along with four (4) PEI Mental Health Navigators/Promotoras/es dedicated to working with the Indigenous community and eligible families to address mental health risk factors.

Approval will increase services to Indigenous communities in the Santa Maria/Guadalupe areas (North County) by providing outreach, mental health education, and increasing linkages to behavioral health services for underserved Indigenous members of our community.

Performance Measures:

The Agreement contains performance measures in Exhibit E (Program Goals, Outcomes, and Measures) to monitor implementation and outreach efficiency. The following areas will be monitored:

1. Educate unserved communities about mental health conditions specific to that community and in the appropriate language, as applicable;
2. Serve as liaison to settings where mental health services are not traditionally located;
3. Empower individuals, family members, and community members to identify and enhance culturally specific wellness practices;
4. Prevent the onset of serious mental illness for individuals at risk for developing an emerging mental health condition;
5. Reduce disparities in availability of mental health support for unserved/underserved communities; and
6. Individualized Pre-Post Assessment of changes in recognition of early signs of mental illness.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>	<u>FY 25-26</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>FY 24-26</u>
General Fund			\$ -
State	\$ 442,974	\$ 442,974	\$ 885,948
Federal			\$ -
Fees			\$ -
Other			\$ -
Total	\$ 442,974	\$ 442,974	\$ 885,948

Narrative:

The above-referenced Service Agreement is funded by state funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 24-25 Budget.

Key Contract Risks: As with any contract funded by state sources there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. BWell contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amount disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete signed contract and one (1) minute order to M. Simon-Gersuk at msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project FY 24-26 Board Contract

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