



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: January 25, 2022
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
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SUBJECT: **Approval for the County of Santa Barbara to adopt a revised resolution authorizing the Department of Behavioral Wellness Director to act on behalf of the County in connection with the award of State Pet Assistance and Support (PAS) Program Grant funds**

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. Adopt a revised Pet Assistance and Support (PAS) Resolution (Attachment A), as required by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD), that authorizes and directs the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to act on behalf of the County in connection with an award of Pet Assistance and Support (PAS) Program Grant funds and to execute the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications as well as any other documents which are related to the PAS program or the PAS program grant awarded to the County;
- B. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute on behalf of the County a Standard Agreement with State HCD and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the PAS program or the PAS program grant awarded to the County, as State HCD may deem appropriate without having to return to the Board for approval, subject to the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time;

- C. Direct the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to obtain concurrence from Risk Management, Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel before exercising the authority delegated pursuant to Recommended Action B; and
- D. Determine that the recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) and 15378(b)(4), finding that the recommended actions consist of administrative or fiscal activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary:

This item is on the agenda to request approval of a revised PAS Resolution, in which the language “Dr. Alice Gleghorn, Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness” is replaced with “the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee”. State HCD requires this change to accept grant related reports and any other document needing a formalized signature.

Background:

State HCD released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$5 million in PAS program funds. Funds awarded to qualified homeless shelters will provide shelter, food, and basic veterinary services for common household pets owned by individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as staffing and liability insurance related to providing those services.

On March 17, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution No. 20-48 authorizing the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to participate in the PAS Program, and if PAS grant funds were awarded, authorized and directed the Director of BWell to act on behalf of the County in connection with the award of PAS grant funds with the County’s added language “subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors at a later date.”

On October 20, 2020, the Board adopted revised Resolution No. 20-203, which removed the County-added language at the request of State HCD, and authorized the BWell Director to accept the grant award of \$193,082, execute the Standard Agreement, and delegate authority to the BWell Director to execute subsequent amendments to the Standard Agreement or other documents related to the PAS program or grant award, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority and the concurrence of Risk Management, Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel.

On December 13, 2021, Antonette Navarro, LMFT, was appointed the new Director of BeWell. Both of the above-named resolutions (No. 20-48 and No. 20-203) specifically named Dr. Alice Gleghorn as the authorized representative. The proposed revised PAS Resolution (Attachment A) replaces the language “Dr. Alice Gleghorn, Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness” with “the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee”. Approval of the recommended actions will allow for State HCD to accept grant related reports and any other document needing a formalized signature.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no new fiscal impacts associated with approval of the revised Resolution.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the executed PAS Resolution to bethle@sbcbswell.org and bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Revised PAS Resolution

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