



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 13, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220  
Contact Info: John Winckler, LMFT, Division Chief of Clinical  
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Department of Behavioral Wellness 805-681-5220  
**SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness - Mental Health Services Oversight and  
Accountability Commission Mental Health Student Services Act Grant  
Award FY 2020-2025 Second Amendment (No. 19MHSOAC082.A2)**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Yes

Risk Management

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to execute the second amendment to the multi-year grant agreement with the **Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission** for mental health services for children and youth through school-based programs (No. 19MHSOAC082) to increase the grant award amount by **\$1,022,151** and extend the contract term to December 31, 2026, for a new contract maximum not to exceed **\$5,022,151** for the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2026;
- B. Approve of a Budget Revision Request (BJE #0008632) increasing appropriations of \$340,717 in the Behavioral Wellness Mental Health Services Act Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$221,510) and Services and Supplies (\$119,207) funded by the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Grant revenue from the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC); and

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which 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) is requesting approval to amend the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) grant agreement (Attachment A). This amendment adds **\$1,022,151** in MHSOAC Grant funds for the continued provision of mental health services for children and youth through school-based programs by the BWell Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA), extends the contract end date to December 31, 2026, replaces the Exhibit A Scope of Work and Exhibit B Budget Detail and Payment Provisions of the Agreement (Attachment B) to reflect the additional funds awarded in the grant cycle and the services to be provided by the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) as proposed in the Request for Applications for the third round of MHSSA grant funding. Additionally, this amendment makes other non-material changes to the agreement.

**Background:**

On September 15, 2020 the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors (BOS) authorized the Department of BWell to execute the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) multi-year grant agreement (No.19MHSOAC082) with MHSOAC for mental health services for children and youth through school-based programs, in the amount of **\$4,000,000** for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024.

On August 31, 2021, the County of Santa Barbara BOS authorized a first amendment issued by MHSOAC to extend the term of the grant through September 30, 2025. MHSOAC Grant funds must be used to support BWell's partnership with the SBCEO to expand access to mental health services for children and youth and will continue to fund Service Navigators to provide direct linkages to students along with Behavioral Health Clinicians. In addition, the First amendment allowed for all unspent funds from grant year one and up to 20% of funds from grant years two and three to move forward to one or more subsequent grant years, with approval from MHSOAC. Extending the grant period allowed for BWell to continue subcontracting with SBCEO to fulfill MHSSA requirements.

On April 18, 2022, the MHSOAC released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the 3rd round of MHSSAA grant funding, with a total of \$47,687,455 available for this procurement. The MHSOAC apportioned \$10,000,000 to be divided among four counties which do not currently have an MHSSA grant, and \$37,687,455 for the remaining 55 county/city entities which currently have an MHSSA grant, including Santa Barbara County. The County submitted its application, and the MHSOAC issued a Notice of Intent to Award on July 6, 2022 naming Santa Barbara County as one of the selected counties to receive a contract award.

The County was awarded an additional **\$1,022,151** in MHSOAC Grant funds for the continued provision of mental health services for children and youth through school-based programs for a new contract maximum not to exceed **\$5,022,151** for services provided through December 31, 2026 (Attachment A). This Second Amendment replaces the Exhibit A Scope of Work and Exhibit B Budget Detail and Payment Provisions of the Agreement to reflect the additional services to be provided by SBCEO as proposed in the RFA for the third round of MHSSA grant funding and makes other non-material changes to the agreement (Attachment B).

Approval of the recommended actions will allow BWell to continue providing grant funded mental health services to ensure MHSOAC grant goals continue to be met and necessary services are being provided to clients in need.

**Performance Measures:**

MHSSA grant funds are being used to provide mental health services that address the following goals:

1. Preventing mental illness from becoming severe and disabling,
2. Improving timely access to services for underserved populations,
3. Providing outreach to families, employers, primary health care providers, and others to recognize the early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental illness,
4. Reducing the stigma associated with the diagnosis of a mental illness or seeking mental health services,
5. Reducing discrimination against people with mental illness, and
6. Preventing negative outcomes in the targeted population, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Suicide and attempted suicide
  - b. Incarceration
  - c. School failure and dropout
  - d. Unemployment
  - e. Prolonged suffering
  - f. Homelessness
  - g. Removal of children from their homes, and
  - h. Involuntary mental health detentions.

**Performance Outcomes:**

The collaboration between SBCEO and BWell is going well. The BWell MHSSA Program Manager meets regularly with SBCEO to discuss, collaborate, develop and plan the program. During this second year implementation, BWell's focus is on expansion throughout the remainder of the county. This fiscal year, BWell has started providing trainings on various topics of mental health to school staff and youth. BWell will also start providing workshops in Spanish to parents in school districts requesting this.

BWell and SBCEO continue to provide outreach in the community through school events to educate about resources in the community and mental wellness. This fiscal year the Health Navigators are placed on some school sites and will be providing groups to youth on various topics around skills building.

Since the program start in October 25, 2021, BWell has served a total of forty-seven (47) referrals, provided three (3) rounds of groups, and successfully linked 95% of referrals to ongoing mental health services. Of these referrals, 8% were crisis responses linked to the appropriate supports, and 4% were referrals for non-mental health resources. Furthermore, the BWell MHSSA Program Manager and SBCEO hold monthly collaborative meetings for the school liaisons/navigators virtually, to allow for cross-county participation. The BWell MHSSA Program Manager is also in collaboration with SBCEO to propose a Youth Advocacy Group cross county. Next steps of the BWell MHSSA program is to discuss sustainability of services being provided.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

**Budgeted:** No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

**MHSSA Grant Agreement**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 20-21 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 21-22 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 22-23 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 23-24 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 25-26 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost for FY 20-26:</u></b>
<b>General Fund</b>							
<b>State</b>	\$ 1,003,594	\$ 1,000,719	\$ 1,338,561	\$ 1,338,560	\$ 340,717	\$ -	\$ 5,022,151
<b>Federal</b>							
<b>Fees</b>							
<b>Other:</b>							
<b>Total</b>	\$ 1,003,594	\$ 1,000,719	\$ 1,338,561	\$ 1,338,560	\$ 340,717	\$ -	\$ 5,022,151

**Narrative:** This amendment to the MHSSA Grant provides for an additional \$1,022,151 in funding supplementing the existing MHSSA Grant award of \$4,000,000. BRR #0008632 would increase the budget of the MHSSA Grant program by \$340,717 for FY 2022-23, the first of the three (3) years of additional MHSSA Grant funding awarded to the County of Santa Barbara.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The grant agreements are cost reimbursed; therefore, MHSOAC will reimburse Behavioral Wellness based upon the expenditures submitted quarterly. The grant agreements include procedural and reporting requirements implemented by Behavioral Wellness that could be subject to audit by MHSOAC in the future. The contract also includes a budget contingency clause which absolves the State from liability to pay funds or other consideration under the Agreement if funds are not budgeted for the program in which case the County may cease providing services under the Agreement and the State may cancel the grant agreement. The MHSSA grant agreement requires arbitration at the election of either party in the event of a dispute between the County and MHSOAC in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 10240 et. seq. The costs of arbitration shall be shared equally between the parties; however, the arbitrator may require the prevailing party to be awarded costs and attorneys’ fees. Absent enumerated grounds for correction or vacation of the award, the arbitrator’s decision shall be binding on the parties.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order for the above Second Amendment to [cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org](mailto:cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org) and [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: 19MHSOAC082 A2 MHSSA Grant Agreement FY 2020 - 2026
- Attachment B: 19MHSOAC082 A2 MHSSA Grant Amendment Exhibits
- Attachment C: Budget Revision Request (BJE #0008632)
- Attachment D: 19MHSOAC082 A1 Grant Agreement FY 2020 – 2025 executed
- Attachment E: 19MHSOAC082 Grant Agreement FY 2020 – 2024 executed

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