



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: November 29, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
Contact Info: Chris Ribeiro, Chief Financial Officer,
Behavioral Wellness, 805-884-1694
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness –California Department of Rehabilitation Cooperative
Agreement FY 22-25 Transitional-Age Youth Vocational Rehabilitation No.
32003 Termination

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 and authorize the termination of the multi-year cooperative agreement with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), No. 32003, originally executed by the County on June 28, 2022 for the coordination and provision of vocational rehabilitation services to transitional-age youth (TAY), for a multiyear cost reimbursement not to exceed \$1,409,472, (with a local cash match requirement of \$495,000) for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025;
- B. Direct the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to issue a letter substantially similar to the draft provided in Attachment A, terminating the Agreement, effective November 29, 2022;
- C. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to take actions necessary for the winddown of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- D. 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:

This item is on the agenda to request that the Board approve and authorize the termination of the multi-year cooperative agreement with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), No. 32003, for the coordination and provision of vocational rehabilitation services to transitional-age youth (TAY) due to lack of staffing to oversee DOR TAY vocational services. There are other organizations in the County of Santa Barbara that have these DOR services, including Santa Barbara Unified School District and PathPoint. All clients currently receiving these services are also open to mental health services programs and those will continue. The TAY clients currently working with BWell for these vocational services will be connected to those teams. That model of BWell working collaboratively with other contracted DOR providers specifically for the vocational rehabilitation services is the model in our DOR-Adult services contract.

Background:

On June 28, 2022, the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors (BOS) authorized the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute the three-year cooperative agreement with the DOR. DOR provides vocational rehabilitation and supported employment services to Californians with disabilities under Title I and Title VI, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. One of DOR's priorities is to expand outreach and services to transition-age youth between the ages of 16 to 25 years of age. For this cooperative agreement, the Santa Barbara District of DOR and Behavioral Wellness utilizes staff and resources to provide vocational rehabilitation services to Behavioral Wellness consumers who also receive services through our Behavioral Wellness TAY Program. The identified TAY clients will have a diagnosis of mental illness, meet DOR and Behavioral Wellness criteria for services, and express motivation to seek employment.

BWell is requesting termination of the DOR TAY Grant Agreement due to lack of staffing. The significant workforce challenges in the BWell system have made staffing the three (3) positions within this agreement very difficult in the past 18 months. Moreover, this agreement requires that the Lompoc Children's Clinic receive CARF accreditation which BWell must not only pay for, but to date has taken well over a few hundred hours of leadership staff time to try to prepare for and complete. Leadership staff are being pulled away from their vital role to support an overburdened staff, as well as take on direct service duties, due to staff shortages.

The agreement allows BWell to terminate the agreement with 30 days' notice. This written notice was provided to DOR on October 24, 2022 per the signed Letter of Termination (Attachment B) and contingent upon the Board's approval of the Recommended Actions. BWell is requesting that the BOS provide authorization for BWell to terminate the DOR TAY agreement. Following approval of termination of the agreement, Department of Rehabilitation TAY FY 2022-2025 Notice of Termination Letter (Attachment A) will be sent to DOR TAY as confirmation of termination.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Annualized FY 22-23 Revenue:</u>	<u>Annualized FY 23-24 On-going Revenue:</u>	<u>Annualized FY 24-25 On-going Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State			\$ -
Federal	\$ 469,824.00		\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 469,824.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: This elimination of the cooperative agreement funding will not have an anticipated impact on the BWell Budget. Positions currently funded by this program are either currently vacant, or have been transferred to other fully funded programs.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Department of Rehabilitation TAY FY 2022-2025 Termination Letter

Attachment B: Department of Rehabilitation TAY FY 2022-2025 Notice of Contingent Termination Letter

Attachment C: Department of Rehabilitation TAY FY 2022-2025 Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program (Agreement No. 32003) First Amendment Executed

Attachment D: Department of Rehabilitation TAY FY 2022-2025 Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program (Agreement No. 32003)

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