



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:** April 23, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director, Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220  
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**SUBJECT:** Department of Behavioral Wellness - State Department of Rehabilitation Agreement FY 24-27

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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. Adopt the Resolution in the Matter of Authorization to execute a Cash Transfer Agreement with the State Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), which approves, ratifies, and authorizes the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute Agreement No. 32450 with DOR to coordinate vocational rehabilitation services for a Cash Match maximum of \$261,990, \$87,330 for FY 24-25, \$87,330 for FY 25-26, and \$87,330 for FY 26-27 during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027;
- b. Delegate to the Director of Behavioral Wellness the authority to execute documents required by the DOR to carry out this multi-year Agreement, including the contractor’s certification, any data records required, and any subsequent amendments that do not materially change the terms of the grant, including but not limited to, the amount or term of the grant, subject to review and concurrence by County Counsel, Risk Management, and/or Auditor-Controller as appropriate, and subject to the Board’s authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- c. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities, which do not involve commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The above referenced item is on the agenda to request approval assigning authority to the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute Agreement No. 32450 with California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and to allow the Director of BWell to execute documents required by DOR to carry out the multi-year Agreement. BWell has participated in a cooperative program with DOR since 1998 and it has been ongoing to date. The purpose of this program is to provide specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the area of vocational rehabilitation done cooperatively between DOR and BWell to help clients in gaining and maintaining employment as a part of their recovery process. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BWell to continue to partner with DOR in a cooperative agreement, which involves BWell's identification of clients whose mental health symptoms and functional impairments could be improved through the addition of DOR's vocational resources, which can include assisting clients in securing employment. This partnership involves an integrated approach to effectively collaborate in providing necessary employment services to adults with severe and persistent mental illness.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Santa Barbara County. Some clients are also eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation services from the State Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). This cooperative agreement allows DOR to secure federal funding by leveraging BWell staff time spent providing mental health services to individuals served by both agencies. The clients receive services from BWell regardless of the Department's participation in this Agreement. An important aspect of client recovery is gaining and maintaining employment and the employment supports and services offered to BWell clients through this program are integral to their recovery process.

Under the previous contract, BWell Rehabilitation Specialists worked closely with DOR Rehabilitation Counselors who provided employment services and supports to eligible BWell clients. Under the current contract, BWell will be paying DOR to perform these services. Services include vocational assessment, education, job placement, supported employment, job coaching, and benefits counseling. DOR also provides funding for local Community Based Organizations who assist clients with resume writing and enhancing job interview skills, reducing barriers to work, and links clients with other community resources.

**Performance Measures / Outcomes**

DOR reported the following performance measures for FY 23 – 24 to date:

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	Unduplicated Participants	New Applications	New IPE's	Successful Closures
<b>23/24 Goals</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>

An Individual Plan of Employment (IPE) is developed by DOR and the client when individuals are referred by the cooperative agreement.

Successful closures are those clients who have maintained employment for 90 days.

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**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25</u></b>	<b><u>FY 25-26</u></b>	<b><u>FY 26-27</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$		
State		\$ -	\$		
Federal	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 261,990	
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$		
Other:	\$	\$	\$		
Total	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 87,330.00	\$ 261,990	

Narrative:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness will pay a Cash Match to the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) by using State Realignment funds. Behavioral Wellness cash match represents approximately 22% of the total DOR budget for this service. Without this cash match, DOR would not be able to fully fund this program and provide services to BWell clients. DOR is able to draw down the remainder 78% to fully fund this service.

Funding for this agreement will be included in the department's requested budget for future fiscal years, and will be subject to Board approval.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The Agreement includes a budget contingency clause that states that the Agreement is enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to DOR by the Federal Government. It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, the Agreement will be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) fully executed Board Resolution to M. Simon-Gersuk at [msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org](mailto:msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org) and to Behavioral Wellness Contracts at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: State of CA Department of Rehabilitation Standard Agreement Scope of Work #32450

Attachment B: State of CA Department of Rehabilitation Board Resolution DR324

Attachment C: State of CA Department of General Services Standard Agreement STD 213 #32450

Attachment D: Contractor Certification Clauses

**Authored by:**

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