



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: May 6, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s): Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Department of Behavioral Wellness

Contact Info: Jamie Huhsing, LMFT, Assistant Director

Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220

SUBJECT: California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Second Amendment to the FY 2021-24 County Performance Contract

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to execute a Second Amendment to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) County Performance Contract (#21-10112 A2) to extend the term of the agreement through June 30, 2026, for the continued receipt of both federal and State funds for mental health and substance use disorder treatment services, initially for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, and now amended, through June 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is a governmental funding mechanism and/or fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request approval of the Board of Supervisors to ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute the Second Amendment to the DHCS County Performance Contract (#21-10112), agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein to allow BWell to continue to receive mental health and substance use disorder funding sources for FY 2025-26. The Amendment also adds DHCS requirements for GenAI technology use and reporting. The new DHCS County Performance Contract term will be July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026.

Background:

DHCS issued a Performance Contract with County BWell that outlines the conditions and requirements for receipt of funds through the following federal and State funding sources: the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Substance Use (formerly Abuse) Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SUBG), Community Mental Health Services Grant (MHBG), and realignment funds for providing community mental health services. This State Performance Contract provides the terms and conditions for reimbursement of substance use disorder services funded by MHSA, PATH, SUBG, and MHBG.

The requirements for the Performance Contract are outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5650(a), 5651, 5897, and Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 3310. In addition, the contract outlines Data Information and Submission Requirements, Information Confidentiality and Security Requirements, and the Information Exchange Agreement between the Social Security Administration and DHCS. The Performance Contract also contains a Contractor Certification wherein the County certifies it complies with various State and federal laws including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, drug-free workplace requirements, the Americans with Disabilities Act, conflicts of interest, etc. The Agreement, in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, was authorized by the Board of Supervisors on August 17, 2021, and executed by the department director. Welfare and Institutions Code 5650(c) allows DHCS to extend the performance contracts for two one-year periods.

The first amendment to the Agreement extended the term through June 30, 2025. This was authorized by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 2024, and executed by the Director of Behavioral Wellness.

DHCS has exercised the provision to extend the contract for one additional year. This second amendment to the Agreement will extend the term through June 30, 2026. BWell Director, Antonette Navarro, signed the agreement on March 12, 2025.

BWell must continue to meet the conditions and requirements detailed in this Performance Contract to receive funding for these programs and community mental health services. The Performance Contract does not cover federal financial participation or State general funds as they relate to Medical services provided through the Mental Health Plan contract.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: This is a \$0 agreement between Santa Barbara County and DHCS.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to M. Simon-Gersuk at msimongersuk@sbcbbwell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbbwell.org.

Attachments:

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Attachment A –State Performance Contract FY 2021-24, Second Amendment #21-10112 A2

Attachment B – State Performance Contract FY 2021-24, First Amendment #21-10112 A1

Attachment C - Contractor Certification Clause #21-10112 A1

Attachment D - State Performance Contract FY 2021-24 #21-10112

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