



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: December 16, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Department of Behavioral Wellness
Contact: Jamie Huthsing, Assistant Director of Compliance
Department of Behavioral Wellness
SUBJECT: California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) HEDIS Performance
Measurement Program Participation Agreement for Fiscal Year 2025-2029

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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the multi-year Participation Agreement (PA) (**11635-SB-QM-25_26**), with **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)** for the Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Sets (HEDIS) Performance Measurement Program for Measurement Year (MY) 2025 and Reporting Year (RY 2026), for a maximum contract amount of **\$60,750**, from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029;
- b) Approve the Budget Revision Request **No. BJE-0010898**, increasing appropriations of **\$30,375**, in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Services Fund, for services and supplies by an increase in Cost Reimbursement Federal billing and State sources;
- c) Delegate the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to adjust Program timeliness and technical requirements per Exhibit A of the Agreement and approve additional analysis of Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) data per Exhibit B, all without altering the terms of the agreement or maximum agreement amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and

- d) Determine that the above action is a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment to and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Chair to execute and ratify a multi-year Participation Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for their Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Sets (HEDIS) Performance Measurement Program (**11635-SB-QM-25_26**), for a maximum contract amount of \$60,750, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. This Agreement will allow BWell to meet California Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) reporting requirements for Measurement Year (MY) 2025 and Reporting Year (RY) 2026. The HEDIS Performance Measurement Program supports BWell in the calculation, reporting, and monitoring of Behavioral Health Accountability Set (BHAS) HEDIS reporting requirements with data collected in Calendar Year (MY 2025) and reported in the following year (RY 2026). This Program aides in measuring and analyzing BWell's standards for behavioral health services. The Agreement may be amended on an annual basis to add Service information and/or reporting requirements related to future measurement years.

Discussion:

This is a multi-year Participation Agreement with CalMHSA to support BWell in meeting the BHAS HEDIS reporting requirements for MY 2025/RY 2026. CalMHSA will utilize data provided by BWell to calculate BWell's performance of the four required Mental Health Plan (MHP) and four required Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) measures. This Agreement will be amended on an annual basis to add information regarding and/or Services related to future Measurement Years as laid out within the Agreement.

Background:

In 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved the County of Santa Barbara's membership in the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). CalMHSA provides fiscal and administrative services for its members, including contract management, research and development, data management, maintenance of a research depository, technical assistance, capacity building, education, and training.

On August 27, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2024-25 Agreement with CalMHSA to deliver services through the Quality Measures and Performance Improvement Program (BC 24-125), for a maximum contract amount of \$30,000 from February 7, 2024, to December 31, 2024, enabling BWell to meet the HEDIS reporting requirements for Measurement Year (MY) 2023.

CalMHSA utilizes the National Committee on Quality Assurance ("NCQA") proprietary measure specifications to provide BWell with the results of the analysis of Santa Barbara County's performance on the relevant measures. CalMHSA provides additional information to DHCS and/or the California External Quality Review Organization (CalEQRO) if requested by BWell. CalMHSA utilizes data provided by BWell to calculate required Mental Health Plan measures and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System measures. BWell data includes eligibility, service, and claims data, including Medi-Cal Master Eligibility Files, Managed Care Plan claims data, pharmacy claims, Behavioral Health Plan claims and service data, and Fee for Service claims.

On April 8, 2025, The Board approved the FY 2024-25 Participation Agreement (PA) (11591-SB-QM-25_26) with CalMHSA for the Quality Measures and Performance Improvement Program, including HEDIS reporting requirements for MY 2023, from April 8, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The original Agreement (BC 24-125) terminated December 31, 2024. The new Agreement was approved to align the reporting requirements from MY 2023 through December 31, 2025. This contract did not include a monetary component, and no additional fees were incurred by the County for this service as all payments of \$30,000 have been paid under the previously executed Agreement (BC 24-125).

Additionally, On April 8, 2025, The Board approved to execute a new PA (10471-SB-QM-24/25) with CalMHSA for the Quality Measures and Performance Improvement Program, including HEDIS reporting requirements for MY 2024 from April 8, 2025, through December 31, 2025, for a maximum contract amount of \$30,000, at a fixed rate.

BWell now requests the Board of Supervisors to approve and ratify the multi-year Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for the HEDIS Performance Measurement Program to support BWell in meeting the BHAS HEDIS reporting requirements for MY 2025/RV 2026.

Performance Measure:

CalMHSA facilitates the efficient use of resources for multiple public entities by providing group purchasing power, joint development of Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and contracts for services, reduced overhead costs through sharing of the expenses of administration and reporting, and shared research and strategies. CalMHSA's administration of this program will result in greater efficiency in the implementation of these mandated services for compliance with state and federal requirements.

Contract Renewals:

The County may withdraw from the Program upon six months' written notice to CalMHSA as a measure of reducing contract risks. CalMHSA has provided satisfactory reporting to ensure Santa Barbara County BWell maintained compliance with state and federal requirements.

These agreements are necessary to ensure that BWell continue to meet data reporting requirements of the MHP and DMC-ODS measures. There is no financial risk in BWell paying CalMHSA for these services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Budget Revision Request (BRR) **No. BJE-0010898** will increase appropriations of \$30,375 in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Services Fund for services and supplies funded by an increase in Cost Reimbursement Federal billing and State sources for FY 2025-26. The additional \$30,375 will be built into future Recommended budgets, contingent on-board approval.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-29	Total
Federal	\$15,187	\$15,187	\$30,374
State	\$15,188	\$15,188	\$30,376
General Fund			
Total	\$30,375	\$30,375	\$60,750

This service will be funded by Medi-Cal Quality Assurance-Utilization Review (Federal) and Realignment (State) funds. Payment of 50% (\$30,375) is required upon the execution of this contract and the remainder will be paid upon the progress of deliverables.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) copy of the Minute Order, and one (1) signed, executed Board Contract for the above contracts to Sara Hernandez at sahernandez@sbcbswell.org and to bswellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – CalMHSA HEDIS Performance Measurement Program PA (HEDIS 25) FY 25-29

Attachment B – Budget Revision Request (BJE-0010898)

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