



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:** January 12, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D, Director  
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness (805) 681-5220  
Contact Info: Lindsay Walter, JD, Assistant Director, Administrative  
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**SUBJECT: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Agreement FY 20-26 and  
First Amendment to the Workforce Education and Training Southern Counties  
Regional Partnership MOU FY 14-26**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute the **Agreement** (Number: 20-10018) with the **Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development** for the County to continue to serve as fiscal and administrative agent for the Workforce Education and Training Program for the Southern County Regional Partnership and to accept grant funding in the amount of **\$15,340,829**, inclusive of **\$3,806,372** in local matching funds from the counties of the Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRIP) to implement Workforce Education and Training (WET) activities for the period of February 15, 2021 through June 30, 2026 (Attachment A);
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the **First Amendment** to the **Memorandum of Understanding** with the **Southern County Regional Partnership** to implement Workforce Education and Training activities for the period of December 2, 2014 through June 30, 2026 (Attachment B);
- C. Approve a Budget Revision Request (BRR #0007212) to increase appropriations in the Behavioral Wellness Services Department, Mental Health Services Act Fund, for Services and Supplies, in the current estimated amount of \$3,068,164 from OSHPD Agreement funds (Attachment C); and

- D.** Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that 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 item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to enter into an Agreement with Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) for BWell to serve as fiscal and administrative agent for the Southern County Regional Partnership (SCRP) to implement Workforce Education and Training (WET) activities (Attachment A); to execute the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the SCRP (SCRP MOU) to implement WET activities for the period of December 2, 2014 through June 30, 2026 (Attachment B); and to approve a Budget Revision Request (BRR #0007212) increasing appropriations of \$3,068,164 in the BWell Services Department, Mental Health Services Act Fund, for Salaries and Benefits and Services and Supplies funded by the OSHPD Agreement (Attachment C). As fiscal agent, BWell will be the fiscally responsible entity in charge of administering the OSHPD Agreement funds for the SCRP. BWell will also oversee the provision of ongoing staffing support to coordinate/administer programs and activities for individuals and entities that have committed to work collaboratively as part of the SCRP. The OSHPD Agreement funds are in the amount of \$15,340,829, inclusive of \$ 3,806,372 in local matching funds which will be provided by the SCRP counties. The SCRP counties have executed an amendment to the SCRP MOU (Attachment B) committing to contribute their portion of matching funds. Upon the Board's approval of Recommended Action A, the OSHPD agreement will be entered into on January 15, 2021 and will be effective for the period of February 15, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

**Background:**

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), passed in 2004, levied a 1% tax on annual incomes over \$1.0 million to increase funding for mental health services. The MHSA included a requirement for each county mental health department to develop a local WET Plan, and to participate in Regional Partnerships formed throughout the State to promote building and improve the local public mental health system (PMHS) workforce, education and training resources, and focus on projects and goals specific to the needs of the region. The SCRP, consists of the public mental health departments from Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties, as well as the Los Angeles County Tri-City region (Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona). BWell has been a voting member of the SCRP since its inception in 2009 and has benefited from cultural competency trainings and a core competencies project for licensed therapists, offered through SCRCP.

In December 2014, the Board approved and authorized BWell to serve as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP and execute the initial MOU with the SCRCP counties to implement Workforce Education and Training (Attachment D). As the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP, BWell negotiated and monitored contracts for Mental Health Interpreters, Clinical Supervision, Cultural Humility, Recruitment Materials, and to provide Trauma-Informed Care trainings. Then in May 2020, BWell was nominated by the SCRCP to continue as the fiscal and administrative agent for the OSPHD grant through 2026. At the time the First Amendment to the WET SCRCP MOU and its Attachments 1 and 2 were prepared and approved by the Boards of Supervisors for the nine other SCRCP members, the estimated match amount was \$3,806,371 rather than \$3,806,372 as cited in the final version of the OSHPD Agreement No. 20-10018.

In addition, the dates and amounts of each allocation on the Attachment 1 were updated by OSHPD in the final agreement provided by OSHPD with no change to the total amount of OSHPD Agreement funds. The dates and amounts provided in the OSHPD Agreement take precedence over the SCRIP MOU.

The goals and objectives set forth in the Wet Five-Year Plan approved by OSHPD in 2019 provide a framework for strategies that state and local government, community partners, educational institutions, and other stakeholders can enact to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals to provide services to those who are at risk of or have a severe mental illness:

Goals:

1. Increase the number of diverse, competent licensed and non-licensed professionals in the Public Health Mental Health System (PMHS) to address the needs of persons with Severe Mental Illness (SMI.)
2. Expand the capacity of California's current public mental health workforce to meet California's diverse and dynamic needs.
3. Facilitate a robust statewide, regional, and local infrastructure to develop the public mental health workforce.
4. Offer greater access to care at a lower level of intensity that enables consumers to maintain and maximize their overall well-being.
5. Support delivery of PMHS services for consumers within an integrated health system that encompasses physical health and substance use services.

Objectives:

1. Expand awareness and outreach efforts to effectively recruit racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse individuals into the PMHS workforce.
2. Identify and enhance curricula to train students at all levels in competencies that align with the full spectrum of California's diverse and dynamic PMHS needs.
3. Develop career pathways for individuals entering and advancing across new and existing PMHS professions.
4. Expand the capacity of postsecondary education to meet the identified PMHS workforce needs.

If approved by the Board, BWell will be responsible for coordinating and administering programs and activities and negotiating and monitoring contracts that achieve the goals and objectives established by OSHPD for 2020-2026 as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRIP. Along with the other members of the SCRIP, BWell will develop and implement mental healthcare workforce development strategies that align with the WET Five-Year Plan and will report to OSHPD on progress. BWell will return to the Board to recommend approval of new contracts voted on by the members of the SCRIP.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

OSHPD will release Agreement funds to BWell for services rendered upon completion of the deliverables specified in the Agreement, as follows:

| Payment Installment | Percent of OSHPD Grant Award | Payment Amount | Deliverables Requiring Approval Before Release of Payment        | Deliverable Due Date          |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1                   | 10%                          | \$1,153,445.70 | Grant Agreement Execution  | February 15, 2021             |
| 2                   | 70%                          | \$8,074,119.90 | Section C. Item 4.a.<br>Stakeholder Engagement Activities Report | March 1, 2021                 |
| 3                   | 5%                           | \$576,722.85   | Section C. Item 4.b.<br>2020 PMHS Workforce Surveys completion   | March 1, 2021                 |
| 4                   | 15%                          | \$1,730,168.55 | Section C. Item 4.n.<br>Matching Local Funds Confirmation        | On or before<br>July 31, 2024 |

The Agreement with OSHPD is for \$15,340,829 for the period of February 15, 2021 through June 30, 2026 inclusive of \$3,806,372 in local match. BWell estimates its administrative costs to be \$3,068,164; however, this amount may change and BeWell may incur up to 15% of the total grant funding amount for administrative costs. BeWell will return to the Board either through the annual budget approval process or with a new BRR if administrative costs increase.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The OSHPD Agreement requires the fiscal agent to match 33% of the Agreement funds by July 31, 2024. Amendment 1 to the SCRIP MOU requires that each county in the SCRIP provide their portion of the matching funds by the deadline. BWell will return any portion of the OSHPD Agreement funds that do not receive a 33% match from the SCRIP counties by December 31, 2024. Also payments of Agreement funds are contingent on the satisfactory submission of the deliverables and OSHPD may withhold OSHPD Agreement funds for subsequent years until the Scope of Work and deliverables are met. As the fiscal and administrative agent, BWell agrees to pay \$10,000 for each deliverable not submitted timely or that does not substantially meet the content requirements for deliverables. The MOU contains an indemnification provision which requires the SCRIP to indemnify the County for any liability caused by the SCRIP’s negligent or intentional acts or omissions. OSHPD may reduce the award of Agreement funds if 80% of the funds are not encumbered and/or spent by July 1, 2024. OSHPD’s liability to pay Agreement funds is contingent on appropriation of funds in the Budget Act. There is a risk that OSHPD may cancel or amend the Agreement if funds are not appropriated.

**Staffing Impacts:** N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please email one (1) complete executed contract and one (1) minute order to Denise Morales: [dmorales@sbcbswell.org](mailto:dmorales@sbcbswell.org) and to [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: OSHPD WET SCRIP FY 20-26 No. 20-10018
- Attachment B: WET SCRIP FY 14-26 MOU Amendment 1
- Attachment C: Budget Revision Request No. 0007212
- Attachment D: WET SCRIP FY 14-17 MOU

**Authored by:**

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