



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: September 19, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT: Workforce Education and Training/Southern Counties Regional Partnership
Service Contract – Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health FY 17-19**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health (LLU)** (not a local vendor), for implementation of Phase IV, development of teaching/learning modules for training and assessment of core competencies for Collaborative Behavioral Health Service Providers (CBHSP) for the Workforce Education and Training (WET)/Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP), for a total contract maximum not to exceed **\$250,000** for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.
- B. Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Summary Text:

The Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) consists of the mental health departments for the counties of Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura, as well as the Tri-City region (Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona).

On December 2, 2014, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors authorized and approved Behavioral Wellness' agreement with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to be the fiscal and administrative agent for SCRP activities for the period of December 2, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

Although Behavioral Wellness received full payment of the SCRP funds, as of June 2017 there remains \$2.6 million of available funds for expenditure for implementation of the SCRP's Five-Year Plan. The SCRP Memorandum of Understanding will automatically renew on an annual basis, starting October 2017, subject to funding or termination for convenience by members. However, In March 2017 the SCRP members agreed to continue the partnership with Behavioral Wellness as the Fiscal and Administrative agent for SCRP beyond September 2017 until all of the funds have been utilized to achieve the goals.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness, as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRP, to contract for mental health workforce trainings developed and provided by Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health, as approved by the SCRP members that carry out the intent of the WET/SCRP Agreement, with funds provided by OSHPD.

Background:

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) requires each county mental health department to develop a local Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan, and to participate in regional partnerships among the mental health system and the educational system to expand outreach to multicultural communities, increase the diversity of the mental health workforce, reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and to promote the use of web-based technologies, and distance learning techniques. Five Regional Partnerships have been formed under WET throughout the State.

As the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRP for 2014-2019, Santa Barbara County will be responsible for negotiating and monitoring contracts and projects during that period that achieve the Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD for 2014-2019:

- **Goal #1:** Increase the number of diverse, qualified individuals in the public mental health system workforce to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals to provide services to address severe mental illness.
- **Goal #2:** Expand the capacity of California's incumbent public mental health workforce to meet California diverse and dynamic needs.
- **Goal #3:** Facilitate a robust statewide, regional, and local infrastructure to develop the public mental health workforce.

Prior to Behavioral Wellness becoming the fiscal agent for SCRP, SCRP's fiscal agent San Bernardino County executed a contract with Loma Linda University (LLU) to help complete one of the Partnership's objectives- to create a set of core competencies and associated measurable performance criteria for mental health professionals in order to expand the capacity of California's diverse and ever changing needs.

Loma Linda delivered a Phase I and Phase II initiative, in which LLU has identified 12 Core Competencies and associated measurable performance criteria that support and evaluate the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs) expected of Collaborative Behavioral Health Service Providers. Twelve (12) training modules are to be developed for this purpose.

In Phase III of the contract, LLU developed these training modules within the various member-agencies that comprise the SCRP.

Phase IV of the contract will begin the implementation of these training modules within the various member-agencies that comprise the SCRP.

The desired outcome of the SCRP Core Competency Project is increased excellence in the quality of care provided to individuals, family members and stakeholders served by the member-agencies that comprise SCRP. Approval will allow Behavioral Wellness to implement mental healthcare workforce development strategies that align with the WET Five-Year Plan 2014-2019 goals.

Performance Measure:

Specific, measureable targets for performance will be assessed using pre- and post-tests before and after the training modules.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The County will be paid by OSHPD for services rendered upon completion of the deliverables specified in the Agreement, as follows:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 17-18 Cost:</u>	<u>FY 18-19 Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 192,500	\$ 57,500		
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 192,500	\$ 57,500	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The contract will utilize \$250,000 of the remaining designated funds of \$2,600,000 set aside for SCRP regional programs to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD and approved by the member counties.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Even with these measures, there is the risk that the State will disallow units of service or determine costs to be non-allowable, resulting in repayment. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete copy of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to:
qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

Attachment A: LLU FY 17-19 SCRP BC

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