



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: February 14, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director

SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Locumtenens.com FY 16-17 First Amendment

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 Amendment for Services of Independent Contractor with **Locumtenens.com** (not a local vendor), to increase the maximum contract amount for Fiscal Year 16-17 by \$700,000, to allow for payment for continued locum tenens psychiatry services, for a total contact amount not to exceed \$950,000 for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially 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 Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, including (tele)psychiatric and nursing services at its County facilities. Behavioral Wellness uses temporary staffing agencies to provide locum tenens psychiatrists, telepsychiatrists, physician assistants and nurses to backfill staffing shortages in budgeted positions, ensuring client access to care in a timely manner.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated and greatly needed psychiatry and nursing services in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas without disruption of services.

Background:

Behavioral Wellness currently uses locum tenens temporary physicians to fill ongoing needs for psychiatric staff at outpatient facilities. Locumtenens.com provides temporary psychiatrists to backfill vacancies at the Psychiatric Health Facility, Behavioral Wellness clinics, and at other Behavioral Wellness programs as needed.

Due to ongoing shortages of psychiatrists, Behavioral Wellness has had to continue to contract with locum tenens and since psychiatrists for Lompoc and Santa Maria are particularly difficult to find, this year we added Locumtenens.com. Since July 1, 2016, four (4) medical providers from Locumtenens.com have started working for Behavioral Wellness. Two of those providers will continue until the end of the fiscal year and the department anticipates filling two additional positions.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 475,000.00		
Federal	\$ 475,000.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 950,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2016-2017 Adopted Budget and are paid through salary savings.

Key Contract Risks:

With any contractor providing temporary staffing services, there is a risk that temporary personnel will make errors, engage in misconduct, or be negligent in performance of assigned duties. Each of the contracts allows Behavioral Wellness to terminate individual temporary staff for cause, and requires that the agency provide Professional Liability insurance to mitigate these risks.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) minute order and one (1) copy of the executed signature page to admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Locumtenens.com FY 16-17 BC Amendment 1

Attachment B: Locumtenens.com FY 16-17 BC 17-075

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