



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: April 4, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) Workforce Education and Training (WET) - Events Enterprises, Inc. FY 22-23 Board Contract

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 an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Events Enterprises, Inc.**, (not a local vendor), for planning and overall event coordination of the *Persons Centered Engagement Strategies conference* for the Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) Workforce Education and Training (WET) program, for the period of May 31, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$250,000 for FY 22-23; inclusive of \$200,000 under Purchase Order CN1917 but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN1917;
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26 of the Agreement, all without altering the maximum contract 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
- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other 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 above-referenced item is on the agenda to request approval of the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Events Enterprises, Inc. (Events) for the provision of coordination and planning services of the *Persons Centered Engagement Strategies* conference. The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) currently contracts with Events under a Purchase Order (CN1917) for a total contract maximum amount of \$200,000 for FY 22-23. Over the course of this fiscal year, there was a request made two (2) months prior to the event to increase the budget due to the effects of COVID-19 and inflation.

Background:

Five Regional Partnerships have been formed under WET throughout the State. The Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) consists of a partnership of 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 an agreement with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP) for the County to be the fiscal and administrative agent for SCRCP activities to implement the Five-Year Plan established by OSHDP for FY 2014-2019. On January 12, 2021 this agreement was modified and extended to incorporate additional grant funds for the SCRCP from OSHDP through the Grant Agreement No. 20-10018 receiving an additional \$15,340,829.00 and extending the contract to include the period of February 14, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

As the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRCP through June 30, 2026, the County is responsible for negotiating and monitoring contracts and projects during that period to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHDP for 2014- 2026.

- **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’s diverse and dynamic needs.
- **Goal #3:** Facilitate a robust statewide, regional, and local infrastructure to develop the public mental health workforce.

Events - The desired outcome of the SCRCP conference, *Persons Centered Engagement Strategies*, is to increase excellence in the quality of care provided to individuals, family members and stakeholders served by the member-agencies that comprise SCRCP. Hosting an annual conference was approved by a majority of the SCRCP members at the April 2018 SCRCP coordinators meeting.

On May 31, 2022, the County entered into a Purchase Order contract with Events for the provision of planning and event coordination of the *Persons Centered Engagement Strategies* conference for a contract maximum amount not to exceed \$200,000 for FY 22-23. The agreement provides for the reimbursement of costs. Events does not mark-up vendor costs. However, over the course of this fiscal year, there has been an increase in vendor costs due to the effects of Covid-19 and inflation, necessitating an increase to the contract amount. Therefore, BWell is requesting approval of the recommended actions to allow Behavioral Wellness, as the fiscal and administrative agent for SCRCP, to continue to provide mental health workforce education training. that align with the WET Five-Year Plan 2014- 2026 goals.

Performance Measures and Outcomes:

Events - The desired outcome of the *Persons Centered Engagement Strategies* conference is to increase the excellence in the quality of care provided to individuals, family members and stakeholders served by the member-agencies that comprise the SCRP. Specific strategies to support engagement and interventions within provided care were presented to enhance the competency of the county staff that attended the conference. Participant evaluations were collected and the event was rated high by attendees.

The conference titled “Strategies for Addressing Trauma” occurred on March 7 and 8, 2023 with approximately 185 attendees. The goals of the conference were to provide a better understanding of populations that may be difficult to engage, provide a better awareness of common biases of practitioners, and improving overall competency in service delivery to clients with trauma backgrounds. Per evaluations collected following the conference, attendees rated overall experience of the conference as 81% very satisfied and 16% satisfied. Therefore, Events successfully met performance expectations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 22-23	Total FY 22-23 cost	
General Fund			
State	250,000	250,000	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	

Narrative: Behavioral Wellness has received from OSHPD \$15,340,829.00 to administer and implement the SCRP’s Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD for 2020-2025. This grant total includes a small amount of local matching funds from Behavioral Wellness, as well as, from the other nine (9) counties in the partnership in order to implement the workforce development projects identified in the grant application. This contract will utilize \$250,000 of the designated funds from this grant which is set aside for SCRP regional programs to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals, and the expenditure for these services has been approved by the member counties. The funding for the Events Enterprises, Inc. contract does not impact any other county funding or budget.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Events Enterprises, Inc. FY 22-23 SCRIP Board Contract

Attachment B: Events Enterprises, Inc. FY 22-23 SCRIP Purchase Order (CN1917)

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, signed Board Contract and one (1) Minute Order to Amber Foschaar at cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and to bswellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

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