



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 10, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
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, 805-681-5220
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Contractor on Payroll (COP) Agreements FY 18-19

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 and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Edwin Feliciano, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$86,790;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Irwin Lunianski, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$109,478.40;
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a COP Agreement with Daniel Litten, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000;
- D. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contractor On Payroll Agreement with Fred Berge, MD, to provide psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$125,320;

- E. 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 Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides specialty mental health services to adults with mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances, in part through contracted providers, including Contractors on Payroll (COP). The above referenced contracts comply with the Santa Barbara County Contractor on Payroll Policy approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2015. Approval of the above listed contract will ensure the continued provision of critical mental health and related services during FY 18-19.

Background:

Behavioral Wellness has experienced continuing difficulty recruiting and retaining psychiatrists to the area. COPs have helped to bridge the gap to provide needed mental health treatment capacity.

Fred Berge, M.D. provides psychiatric services and early intervention services to Transition-Age Youth (age 16-24). Psychiatric services include development, review, revision, and approval of client assessments, evaluations and treatment plans; prescription and administration of psychiatric medications, as needed; assistance to clients with symptom management and development of personal coping skills; medication education for clients and families; and training, education and support to Behavioral Wellness staff and multi-disciplinary team members.

Edwin Feliciano, M.D. provides support to both the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) during the weekend and holiday hours when it is most challenging to staff these facilities.

Irwin Lunianski, M.D. provides psychiatrist services, assists with Quality Assurance and Utilization Management activities, including performing utilization review for hospital stays and providing disposition for appeals of hospital denials.

Daniel Litten, M.D. provides psychiatrist services for mandated on-call and independent evaluations at the CSU and during use of seclusion and restraints at the PHF. Psychiatric services include: being on-call Monday through Friday, 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM, and for twenty-four (24) hours on Saturday and Sunday, including holidays. In addition, Dr. Litten works with PHF and CSU staff specific to: patient diagnosis; behavior requiring seclusion/restraint or both; medical prescriptions; patient interviews, notations on the designated seclusion/restraint form; internal medicine duties, on-call and as scheduled with complete medical histories and physicals for PHF inpatients and CSU outpatients within twenty-four (24) hours, and provide follow-up medical care.

For COPs who are retirees of Santa Barbara County or another California public retirement system, Government Code section 7522.56(d) limits the maximum number of hours and the maximum allowable hourly rate payable for their work performed as a contractor for Santa Barbara County.

Performance Measure:

- Clients maintaining safe and stable living environments;
- Decrease hospitalizations;
- Increase access to care;
- Decrease number of incarcerations.

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	\$190,794.20		
Federal	\$190,794.20		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$381,588.40	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by a combination of State and Federal revenue. The funding sources have been included in the FY 18-19 Proposed Budget.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the contract for each of the above to cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and Stefan Brewer, Position Control Division, Human Resources Department

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Edwin Feliciano, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 18-19
- Attachment B: Irwin Lunianski, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 18-19
- Attachment C: Daniel Litten, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 18-19
- Attachment D: Fred Berge, M.D., Contractor on Payroll Agreement FY 18-19

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