



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** June 24, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
Department of Behavioral Wellness  
Contact: Dr. Ole Behrendtsen, Medical Director  
Department of Behavioral Wellness  
**SUBJECT:** **Services Agreement for Skilled Nursing Facility Services with Santa Maria Healthcare, Inc., dba Villa Maria Post Acute (Fourth District), Fiscal Year 2025-27**

**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 an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor ("Agreement") with **Santa Maria Healthcare, Inc., dba Villa Maria Post Acute** ("Villa Maria Post Acute"), (not a local vendor)(Fourth District) for the provision of Skilled Nursing Facility services for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$1,100,000**, inclusive of \$550,000 per fiscal year, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027; and
- b) Regarding the above Agreement, delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to (i) suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience as provided in Section 20 of the Agreement, (ii) make immaterial changes to the Agreement as provided in Section 26 of the Agreement, (iii) authorize additional or different services as provided in Section 8 of Exhibit A-2 of the Agreement, (iv) reallocate funds between funding sources as provided in Section II.E of Exhibit B of the Agreement, (v) adjust the Per Diem rate in writing as provided in Section IV.A of Exhibit B of the Agreement, and (vi) amend the Program goals, outcomes, and measures as provided in Exhibit E of the Agreement, all without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board of Supervisors' approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board of Supervisors' ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and

- c) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The above referenced item is on the agenda to request approval for authorization to enter into an Agreement with Santa Maria Healthcare, Inc., dba Villa Maria Post Acute, for skilled nursing services to clients with serious mental illness or severe emotional disturbance or both under the Lanterman-Petris-Short act of 1967 (LPS); for a total contract maximum not to exceed **\$1,100,000**, inclusive of \$550,000 for FY 2025-26, and \$550,000 for FY 2026-27, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

**Discussion:**

Villa Maria Post Acute, in north Santa Barbara County, is a new vendor for the County. Villa Maria Post Acute is located at 425 E. Barcellus Avenue, Santa Maria (Fourth District).

Services will be provided to a population of adults who are permanently disabled with Organic Brain Syndrome (OBS) or other Neurobehavioral disorders. This Agreement will provide for up to six beds. The goal of each Program is to provide a pleasing and attractive living environment, a well supervised and safe nursing-led milieu, and a simple, yet comprehensive therapeutic program focused on evaluation, opportunities, social skills training, and discharge options, when appropriate. Approval of these Agreements will allow for necessary mental health services to be provided to this population.

**Background:**

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides a continuum of specialty mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met.

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), as defined in Title 22 California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.) § 72103, are health facilities or a distinct part of a hospital which provides continuous skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients whose primary need is for availability of skilled nursing care on an extended basis. It provides 24-hour inpatient care and, as a minimum, includes physician, skilled nursing, dietary, pharmaceutical services and an activity program.

Villa Maria Post Acute has been operating continuously as a skilled nursing facility in Santa Maria for over twenty years. Members placed at Villa Maria are Santa Barbara county residents who are under Lanterman-Petris-Short conservatorship. Generally speaking, the members placed come from a level of care that does not include any type of medical care beyond providing medication, such as a mental health rehabilitation center or licensed board & care facilities. Placing them at Villa Maria Post Acute will provide members with not only specialty mental health services, but also medical care as needed.

**Performance Measure:**

Performance Measures: Exhibit E of the Agreement sets forth specific goals, outcomes and measures which Villa Maria Post Acute must adhere to and meet, and the Agreement has reporting requirements relative to such goals, outcomes and measures. Measures are listed below.

- a) Reduce mental health and substance abuse symptoms resulting in reduced utilization of involuntary care and emergency rooms for mental health and physical health problems.
- b) Assist clients in their mental health recovery process and with developing the skills necessary to lead healthy and productive lives in the community.

- c) Provide Case Management Services to assist clients with engagement in self-sufficiency and treatment services.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

**Budgeted: Yes**

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The contract is funded with State Realignment funds. The funding source was included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and will be included in future recommended budgets submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The funding allocation is anticipated to cover 6 clients at the basic facility rate.

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2025-26</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2026-27</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
State	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 1,100,000
Total	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,000</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) copy of the executed Agreement to Chris Shorb at [cshorb@sbcbswell.org](mailto:cshorb@sbcbswell.org) and to the BWell Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Villa Maria Post Acute FY 2025-27

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