



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: January 12, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Dr. Alice Gleghorn, Ph. D., Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness - 681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – First Amendment to California Department of Health
Care Services Mental Health Performance Contract FY 18-21

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Other Concurrence:

As to Form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to execute the First Amendment to the \$0 Performance Contract with the **California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)** to modify the terms and conditions as outlined in the original contract (#18-95274) to include the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG), incorporate the SABG County Application by reference, and clarify the Contractor's name for the continued receipt of funds from the Mental Health Services Act, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, the Community Mental Health Services Grant, and realignment for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 (Attachment A); and
- 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 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 Board of Supervisors (BOS), for the First Amendment to the DHCS County Performance Contract (#18-95274 A01), for continued participation in receiving mental health funding through state funding sources for FY 2018-2021. This amendment integrates the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG). Approval of the recommended action will allow Behavioral Wellness to align federal grants into the existing County Performance Contract with DHCS, which will streamline the contracting process.

Background:

Every three years DHCS issues a Performance Contract with County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) that outlines the conditions and requirements for receipt of funds through the following state funding sources: the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Community Mental Health Services Grant (MHBG) and realignment funds for providing community mental health services (“Performance Contract”).

This State Performance Contract provides the terms and conditions for reimbursement of mental health services funded by MHSA, PATH and MHBG. The requirements for the Performance Contract are outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5650(a), 5651, 5897, and Title 9 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 3310. In addition, it outlines Data Information and Submission Requirements, Information Confidentiality and Security Requirements and Information Exchange Agreement between Social Security Administration and DHCS.

BeWell must meet certain conditions and requirements, detailed in this Performance Contract, to receive funding for these programs and community mental health services. The Performance Contract does not cover federal financial participation or State general funds as they relate to Medi-Cal services provided through the Mental Health Plan contract.

On November 19, 2019 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute the original Performance Contract effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

On May 15, 2020, DHCS issued an information notice informing County and State partners that the SABG funding that has historically been issued through its own contract award, will now be integrated into the existing Performance Contract. To prevent annual adjustments to County allocations and additional amendments, this update will allow SABG to follow the same contracting model as MHBG, PATH, and MHSA. The integration of SABG into the existing Performance Contract will be effective until June 30, 2021.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: NA

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: NA

Narrative: This is a \$0 agreement between Santa Barbara County and the State Department of Health Care Services. The funds available to the County through the Performance Contract are currently budgeted in BeWell’s FY20-21 budget.

Key Contract Risks:

The Performance Contract imposes procedural and reporting requirements that BeWell currently implements, but which may be subject to future audit. Failure to fully comply with the reporting requirements detailed in the Performance Contract could result in the State withholding funding. Additionally, the Performance Contract is contingent on the appropriation of funds from the State. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the State, the County is not obligated to perform the provisions of the contract or the contract may be amended.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to Ana Bello at abello@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and one (1) signature page and (1) Minute Order to BeWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: State Performance Agreement – First Amendment FY 18-21#18-95274 A01

Attachment B: State Performance Agreement FY 18-21 #18-95274

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