



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 8, 2019
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
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SUBJECT: Community Care on Palm FY 18-19 PO to BC

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 **South Coast Health & Wellness Corporation, a California corporation, dba The Community Care on Palm** (not a local vendor), a Skilled Nursing Facility, increasing the total contract maximum for Fiscal Year 18-19 by \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000, inclusive of Purchase Order CN22140 for \$100,000 but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN22140 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and
- B) Determine that the recommended actions are not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

County executed a Purchase Agreement CN22140 with Contractor in the amount of \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, for inpatient mental health services. During the term of that Purchase Agreement, County anticipates that Contractor will provide, at the request of the County, a greater number of services than originally contemplated by the Purchase Agreement CN22140, and will incur total expenses beyond the value of the Purchase Agreement CN22140 and in excess of \$100,000. This item is on the agenda to request the Board enter into an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with South Coast Health & Wellness Corporation, a California corporation, dba The Community Care on Palm (“The Community Care on Palm”) for a contract maximum amount not to exceed \$200,000 during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, inclusive of \$100,000 under Purchase Agreement CN22140, and is intended to cancel, nullify, and supersede Purchase Agreement CN22140.

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. Due to an increased demand for inpatient contracted long-term beds, Behavioral Wellness needs to increase funding for The Community Care on Palm’s FY 18-19 contract. This increase will be funded by savings from underutilized IMD contracts. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated mental health, substance use, and ancillary services.

Background:

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD)/Skilled Nursing Facilities: Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of services, including inpatient treatment services to best meet the needs of individuals with severe mental illness. IMDs are facilities including hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California and none in Santa Barbara County. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State.

The Community Care on Palm is a facility located in Riverside and offers three levels of service for residents that require high levels of supervision. Level A focuses on residents with chronic mental health diagnosis, with active delusions and hallucinations and/or mood swings. Level B focuses on residents with dual diagnoses of Dementia and chronic mental illness with active psychosis. Level C focuses on residents with chronic mental health illness who are not stable on medications. In order to project the following year’s contract amounts within the Department’s budget constraints, Behavioral Wellness examines the current caseload and historical use of IMD facilities. The Community Care on Palm’s average caseload for FY 18-19 was 2 and the current contract amount is based on that average. However, presently Behavioral Wellness has 5 clients at this facility. The contract increase will cover this new caseload.

Performance Outcomes:

The caseload for The Community Care on Palm has increased from 2 to 5.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>Total Contract Amount</u>		
General Fund				
State	\$ 200,000.00			
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$	-

Narrative: This increase will be funded by savings from underutilized IMD contracts

Key Contract Risks:

There is risk that the number of contracted IMD and IMD-alternative beds may increase beyond what the Department has projected. In this case, the Department will return to the Board of Supervisors to request an increase to the contract maximums where needed.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of the executed contract and one (1) minute order to: gilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: The Community Care on Palm PO to BC
- Attachment B: The Community Care on Palm CN22140

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