



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 9, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Department of Behavioral Wellness
Contact: Laura Zeitz, RN, Assistant Director, Inpatient/Crisis and Access/Homeless
and Housing/Justice, Department of Behavioral Wellness
SUBJECT: Services Agreement with HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde for Food Services for
Fiscal Years 2026-29

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 with HumanGood NorCal, dba Valle Verde (not a local vendor) for the provision of food services for the County Psychiatric Health Facility for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$516,613, inclusive of \$167,200 for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27, \$172,150 for FY 2027-28, and \$177,263 for FY 2028-29, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to:
 - i) suspend, delay, or interrupt services for convenience and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 25 of the Agreement's Standard Terms and Conditions;
 - ii) add additional services per Section 3 of the Exhibit A-4;
 - iii) amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Section 4 Goals, Outcomes and Measures of the Exhibit A-4;
 - iv) 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 actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5) 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:

This item requests that the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for services with HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde for the provision of meal and dietary services at the County's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) over the next three fiscal years. Approval of the recommended actions would allow BWell to continue to provide ancillary food services at the County's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde provides three meals a day as well as snacks to members at the Psychiatric Health Facility. Valle Verde consistently meets special dietary needs and last-minute requests. The maximum total contract amount is \$516,613, inclusive of \$167,200 for FY 2026-27, \$172,150 for FY 2027-28, and \$177,263 for FY 2028-29.

Discussion:

HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde (Valle Verde) currently provides dietary services to the County's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) including, but not limited to, all meals, meal planning, and dietician consultation, as well as the provision of prepackaged meals and consumables for the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). These services for inpatient meals are ongoing in nature. BWell does not have the staffing or facility for these services to be provided by County staff. These services are necessary to ensure the well-being of BWell members at the PHF. Approval of these actions will allow the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to continue to provide ancillary food services at the PHF.

Background:

HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde (Valle Verde) has significant experience in providing institutional meal service and has demonstrated compliance with applicable State and Federal requirements regarding food preparation and handling. Valle Verde has successfully provided dietary services for BWell programs since 2014. Valle Verde has consistently met the special dietary needs within the time frame allotted for an acute inpatient hospital.

Contract Renewals:

During the FY 2023-26 contract term, Valle Verde has been achieving the outcomes to the required standards set forth in the Agreement within the allocated budget. The Agreement contains performance measures to monitor food quality and staff proficiency. BWell monitors the accurate and timely delivery of food services to the PHF and ensures that all Valle Verde staff are ServSafe Certified, food safety training administered by the National Restaurant Association. Valle Verde's service is required to meet the Center for Medicaid and Medical Services Requirements. BWell monitors that Valle Verde provide accurate and timely meal services, are highly responsive and adaptable to last-minute circumstances, and consistently perform well on their state and federal

audits. Valle Verde operates with a high standard of care as the food service contractor for the Psychiatric Health Facility. In addition, Valle Verde staff are required to be Serv Safe Certified by the National Restaurant Association.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	Total
State - Realignment	\$83,600	\$86,075	\$88,632	\$258,307
Federal – Medi- Cal Revenue	\$83,600	\$86,075	\$88,631	\$258,306
Total	\$167,200	\$172,150	\$177,263	\$516,613

Funding for this expenditure will come from Medi-Cal (Federal) and 1991 Realignment (State) sources. Sufficient appropriations were included in the FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget, subject to Board of Supervisor approval.

Future fiscal year funding will be included in the department’s requested budget, subject to Board of Supervisor approval. There is no additional cost to the General Fund.

Special Instructions:

Please email one complete, executed copy of the above Agreement and one Minute Order to Abbie Cown at abcown@sbcbswell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – HumanGood NorCal dba Valle Verde FY 2026-29 Agreement (Signature Required)

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