



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: June 27, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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**SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness - Events Enterprises, Inc. FY 23-24 Services Agreement,
Event Planning and Coordination Services**

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 **Events Enterprises, Inc.** (not a local vendor) for planning and overall event coordination of the *Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) 2024 Conference* and *SCRP Clinical Supervision Conference* for the SCRP Workforce Education and Training (WET) program and the *Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Equity Summit Conference* for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$629,200 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26, all without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that 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 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Events Enterprises, Inc. (Events) for the provision of coordination and planning services for the SCRP 2024 Conference, SCRP Clinical Supervision Conference, and MHSA PEI Equity Summit Conference for FY 23-24.

Background:

Five Regional Partnerships have been formed under WET throughout the State. The Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRP) consists of a partnership of mental health departments for the counties of Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura, as well as the Tri-City region (Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona).

On December 2, 2014, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors authorized and approved an agreement with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) and the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to serve as the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRP and execute the initial MOU with the SCRP counties to implement Workforce Education and Training. In May 2020, BWell was nominated by the SCRP to continue as the fiscal and administrative agent for the OSHPD grant through 2026. On January 12, 2021 this agreement was modified and extended to incorporate additional grant funds for the SCRP from OSHPD through the Grant Agreement No. 20-10018 receiving an additional \$15,340,829.00 and extending the contract to include the period of February 14, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

As the fiscal and administrative agent for the SCRP through June 30, 2026, the County is responsible for negotiating and monitoring contracts and projects during that period to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD for 2021- 2026.

- **Goal #1:** Increase the number of diverse, qualified individuals in the public mental health system workforce to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals to provide services to address severe mental illness.
- **Goal #2:** Expand the capacity of California’s incumbent public mental health workforce to meet California’s diverse and dynamic needs.
- **Goal #3:** Facilitate a robust statewide, regional, and local infrastructure to develop the public mental health workforce.

Events – Events will be planning and coordinating the SCRP 2024 Conference for the purpose of increasing the excellence in the quality of care provided to individuals, family members and stakeholders served by the member-agencies that comprise the SCRP. Specific strategies to support engagement and interventions within provided care are presented to enhance the competency of the local agency staff that attend the conference. SCRP Clinical Supervision Conference will provide advanced training in the topic of clinical supervision. This will enhance competency in clinical supervision skills and expand capacity of clinical supervision.

Events will also be planning and coordinating the MHSA Equity Summit 2023 for BWell for the purpose of training BWell, Santa Barbara County and Contracted Provider staff on stigma and discrimination reduction for mental health conditions. This conference will be funded as a MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention one-time event for Stigma and Discrimination Reduction. All Stigma and Discrimination Reduction programs/events must address stigma and discrimination surrounding a mental health diagnosis and seeking mental health services.

The goals for this conference will be:

- **Goal #1:** Increase awareness on how mental health providers can provide dignity, inclusion, and equity for individuals with mental illness.
- **Goal #2:** Provide targeted education and training on anti-stigma advocacy.
- **Goal #3:** Include approaches that are culturally congruent with the values of the populations for whom changes in attitudes, knowledge, and behavior concerning a mental health diagnosis and seeking mental health services are intended.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. The OSHPD SCRCP funding has been budgeted for in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget. The Recommended Budget will be presented to the BOS on Friday, June 16, 2023.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 23-24	Total FY23-24 cost	
General Fund			
State	629,200.00	629,200.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 629,200.00	\$ 629,200.00	

Narrative: Behavioral Wellness has a total budget of \$15,340,829.00 to administer and implement the SCRCP’s Five-Year Plan goals established by OSHPD for 2021-2026. This grant total includes a small amount of local matching funds from Behavioral Wellness, as well as, from the other nine (9) counties in the partnership in order to implement the workforce development projects identified in the grant application. This contract will utilize \$519,100 of the designated funds from this grant which is set aside for SCRCP regional programs to achieve the Five-Year Plan goals, and the expenditure for these services has been approved by the member counties. An additional \$110,100 is from the MHSA Community Services and Supports training budget. The funding for the Events Enterprises, Inc. contract does not impact any other county funding or budget.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Events Enterprises, Inc. FY 23-24 Board Contract

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, signed Board Contract and one (1) Minute Order to Amber Foschaar at cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and to bswellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

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