



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 4, 2024
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: PATH FY 2023-2024 Services Agreement for Transitional Housing and Ancillary Services

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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 **PATH**, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (not a local vendor), for the provision of transitional housing and ancillary services for a maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$335,008** for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Sections 20 and 26 of the Agreement, respectively; reallocate funds between funding sources per Exhibit B-1; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibits E, 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 fiscal activities or funding mechanisms, 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:

This item is on the agenda to request authorization to renew the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with PATH for the provision of transitional housing and ancillary services to Behavioral Wellness (BWell) clients with severe mental illness and housing insecurity for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24. After negotiations, BWell and PATH were able to reach an agreement over shelter bed rates recently. Notwithstanding contract negotiation delays, PATH has provided shelter beds and ancillary services to BWell clients continuously since July 1, 2023. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BWell to meet its services mandate to adults, adolescents, and older adults facing housing insecurity.

Background:

BWell provides a continuum of mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part, through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) like PATH.

PATH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is to provide shelter, housing, and related services to the homeless with a goal of ending homelessness for individuals, families, and communities. PATH has been working toward this mission since 1984 and provides housing and supportive services in 22 locations from San Diego to San Luis Obispo.

The Agreement with PATH makes shelter beds available for homeless and mental health BWell clients as follows: For FY 2023-24, BWell will reimburse PATH for the amount of actual bed nights utilized by clients for the time period July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Beginning April 1, 2024 and through June 30, 2024, PATH will reserve up to a maximum of 19 beds for BWell clients, and BWell will continue to only pay for the beds utilized. On average, over the first nine months of the contract, BWell has utilized 17.7 beds per night. The agreed-upon bed rate is \$36/bed/day for July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and increases to \$52/bed/day beginning January 1, 2024, in consideration of the PATH's increased operational costs.

The Agreement also requires PATH to provide the following ancillary services to qualifying BWell clients:

- Monitoring clients for physical health, dental, and vision issues;
- Assisting clients with personal hygiene;
- Assisting clients with accessing community supports and resources;
- Providing meals, a shower facility, a laundry facility, and mail and locker services; and
- Coordinating housing and employment services with an on-site homeless services case manager and/or other behavioral health service providers.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

BWell first contracted with PATH in FY 2015-16. The most recent contract with PATH was for FY 2020-23.

During Quarters 1-3 of FY 2023-24, PATH provided shelter beds, meals, and assistance with Activities of Daily Living for an average of 17.7 clients daily for a total of 4,876 nights of housing.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 335,008.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 335,008.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

The above-referenced contract is funded by State Realignment. The funding sources are included in the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget. The increase in shelter rates will not affect existing budgeted appropriations, as BWell transitioned to a payment model based on the actual utilization of beds rather than reserving for bed capacity.

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 the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete executed Contract and one (1) minute order to mejohanson@sbcbswell.org and bwellcontractsstaff@bwellshbc.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: PATH FY 23-24 BC

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