



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: August 14, 2018
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 FY 17-18 Amendment and FY 18-19 Extension– Aurora Las Encinas Hospital**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

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 **Aurora Las Encinas Hospital**, to increase the maximum contract amount for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to **\$777,225**, inclusive of **\$70,000** already paid under Purchase Order CN21045 but which otherwise cancels, nullifies and supersedes Purchase Order CN21045, and to extend the term of the Agreement into Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for **\$800,000**, for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed **\$1,577,225** for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.
- B) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Board's agenda to request an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 contract due to increased demand for in-patient contracted long-term beds and to extend the contract term into Fiscal Year 2018-2019. 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 amend the contract with Aurora Las Encinas Hospital, an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD), to increase funding for FY 2017-2018. The amendment to the FY 17-18 contract 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):

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. Behavioral Wellness examines the current caseload and historical use of IMD facilities in order to project the following year’s contract amounts within Department’s budget constraints. Behavioral Wellness contracts with IMDs that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Patches, and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State. Behavioral Wellness also contracts with IMD-alternative facilities, which are unlocked facilities providing highly structured residential programs for clients transitioning out of IMDs.

Aurora Las Encinas Hospital (ALEH): ALEH is located in Pasadena and provides emergency mental health needs to those clients who are determined to be a danger to themselves or others or gravely disabled pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §5150, or who meet medical necessity criteria, as defined in the California Code of Regulations Title 9 §1820.205. The current funding projections are based on a caseload of 7 clients per day.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 17-18 Cost:</u>	<u>FY 18-19 Cost:</u>
General Fund		
State	\$ 777,225.00	\$ 800,000.00
Federal		
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$ 777,225.00	\$ 800,000.00
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Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State funds. The FY 17-18 contract is being increased by \$707,225, for a new total contract amount of \$777,225 for FY 17-18, inclusive of \$70,000

already paid under Purchase Order CN21045 which is canceled, nullified and superseded by this Board Contract. The term of the Agreement is extended into Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for an additional \$800,000, for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$1,577,225 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

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 each executed contract and one (1) minute order to the BWell Contracts Division at: bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us .

Attachments:

Attachment A: Aurora Las Encinas Hospital FY 17-19 PO to BC

Attachment B: Aurora Las Encinas Hospital FY 17-18 PO CN21045

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