



**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: February 27, 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: Davis Guest Home, Inc. First Amendment to the FY 22-24 Services Agreement for Augmented Board and Care Services

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller 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 a First Amendment to the multiyear Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Davis Guest Home, Inc.** (not a local vendor) (BC 23-076) to add \$150,000 in funding for FY 23-24 due to an unanticipated increase in intensive residential treatment services for a new total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$715,000**, consisting of \$215,000 for FY 22-23 and \$500,000 for FY 23-24, for the period of July 1, 2022, 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 per Section 20 of the Agreement, make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26, and adjust the daily rate to accommodate clients with acute needs, additional monitoring needs, or medical complexity, 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 Board approval of the First Amendment to the FY 22-24 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Davis Guest Home, Inc. (Davis) to add \$150,000 in funding due to an unanticipated increase in intensive residential treatment services, for a new total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$715,000 for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024. Davis is an Augmented Board and Care Adult Residential Facility that provides intensive residential treatment services to Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) clients. Additional funding is needed to accommodate more client placements at higher acuity levels as acuity care exceeded BWell projections. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BWell to continue to provide intensive residential treatment services to BWell clients.

Background:

Davis operates intensive residential treatment facilities located throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Davis is licensed as an Augmented Board and Care Adult Residential Facility by the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division.

There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California. BWell has contracted with Davis for intensive residential treatment services since 2004. Davis provides twenty-four-hour, seven-days-per-week structured mental health rehabilitation services, residential care, and room and board to adults (aged 18 and over) with severe mental illness, who are at high risk for acute inpatient or long-term residential care, who are transitioning from or are at risk of placement at Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD), acute inpatient facility settings, or other residential living settings, for a maximum of 18 months.

Santa Barbara County currently has six Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act Conservatees placed in a Davis location. Santa Barbara County's Long Term Care (LTC) team is mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code to place Conservatees in the least restrictive level of care able to effectively meet the psychiatric and medical needs of the client. Davis provides that ability without the need for custodial skilled nursing care. Davis often is the only placement available to the LTC team for Conservatees who have medical issues or are aged but do not rise to the level of requiring a skilled nursing facility. Many other of our available augmented board & cares are not able to manage some of the nuanced medical needs of our older Conservatees. As we are continually adding medically fragile and older adults to our LPS Conservatee caseload, the need to utilize Davis will increase. In the last six months, three older or medically compromised Conservatees were placed at Davis.

Performance Measures

The FY 22-24 Agreement contains performance measures to monitor program implementation and improve staff proficiency. Program goals, outcomes, and measures can be found in Exhibit E of the Agreement.

Performance Outcomes

Utilizing Davis has eliminated the need for acute psychiatrist hospitalizations for the clients placed there over the past year. Over the past year, there have been no calls for emergency psychiatric intervention or the need to utilize local law enforcement. Davis staff are able to effectively identify when a resident needs medical attention outside of their ability and appropriately address other medical needs with their in-house staff. Currently there are six individuals at Davis.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>Total FY 22-24 Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 215,000	\$ 500,000	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 215,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 715,000

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by State funds. The recommended contract increase will be funded through existing IMD and Acute Hospital contract savings and an unanticipated increase in Realignment revenue by the State. These costs are included in the FY 23-24 Adopted Budgets.

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: Davis Guest Home, Inc. FY 22-24 First Amendment

Attachment B: Davis Guest Home, Inc. FY 22-24 Executed

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, signed Board Contract and one (1) Minute Order to Marlene Zavala at mazavala@sbcbswell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

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