



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: May 10, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Mental Health Services – Olive Crest Agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2024

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 and authorize the Chair to execute a multi-year Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Olive Crest**, a California nonprofit (not a local vendor), for the provision of Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) services, Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS), and Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) services for seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children and youth (age 12 through 24) who require out-of-home placement for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$2,000,000** (with the annual amount being \$1,000,000) 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 of the Agreement; add additional services if authorized in writing to Exhibits A-2 and A-3 of the Agreement; amend program staffing requirements per Exhibits A-2 and A-3 of the Agreement; reallocate funds between funding sources with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement; adjust the provisional rate with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement; approve subsidy payments in excess of the limit per Exhibit B of the Agreement, waive the use of County Maximum rates per Exhibit B of the Agreement, and amend the goals, measures, and outcomes in Exhibit E, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal 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 is 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 the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to execute the multi-year agreement for Olive Crest for the provision of mandated mental health services, including STRTP, IHBS, and ICC services for SED children and youth (age 12 through 24) who require out of home placement, for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 (with an annual amount of \$1,000,000) for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Also, to 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 of the Agreement; add additional services if authorized in writing to Exhibits A-2 and A-3 of the Agreement; amend program staffing requirements per Exhibits A-2 and A-3 of the Agreement; reallocate funds between funding sources with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement; adjust the provisional rate with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement; approve a subsidy payments in excess of the limit per Exhibit B of the Agreement, waive the use of County Maximum rates per Exhibit B of the Agreement, and amend the goals, measures and outcomes in Exhibit E all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides a continuum of mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents in part through contracted providers, including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). CBOs provide various specialty mental health services to adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and children and youth with SED.

The State Department of Social Service (DSS) Continuum of Care Reform, Assembly Bill 403, draws together a series of existing and new reforms to the child welfare services program designed out of an understanding that children who must live apart from their biological parents do best when they are cared for in committed nurturing family homes. It provides the statutory and policy framework to ensure that services and supports provided to children or youth and their families are tailored toward the ultimate goal of maintaining a stable, permanent family. Both DSS and BWell work as interdisciplinary agencies for determining the need for and placement of County children and youth in an STRTP. An STRTP is a residential facility that provides an integrated program of specialized intensive care and supervision, services, and support; specialty mental health services; mental health treatment; and short-term, 24-hour care and supervision to children and youth.

The County began contracting with Olive Crest in March 2022, through the Purchase Order process, when they became licensed by the State to provide STRTP services in Santa Barbara County. Olive Crest provides 16 STRTP placements for mandated mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible children and youth, ages 12 to 24 years of age, with SED, who are residents of Santa Barbara County or presumptive transfer clients from other counties, who have been temporarily placed in a licensed STRTP.

Olive Crest also provides IHBS, which are individualized, strength-based interventions designed to correct or ameliorate mental health conditions interfering with a child/youth's functioning and aimed at helping the client build necessary skills for successful functioning in the home and community. In addition to IHBS, Olive Crest provides ICC targeted case management services that facilitate the assessment, care, planning, and coordination of services for clients along with coordinating linkage to Therapeutic Behavioral Services for qualifying clients. These services are for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who meet the medical necessity criteria for these services.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow BWell to continue to deliver mandated services to children and youth with SED.

Performance Outcomes and Measures:

Olive Crest began delivering services in March 2022, we are in the process of gathering information regarding their first quarter of services, which will be available in July 2022.

However, the program goals and outcomes are the following:

1. Reduce mental health and substance abuse symptoms resulting in reduced utilization of involuntary care and emergency rooms for mental health and physical health problems.
Outcome A: Incarcerations/Juvenile Hall will be at 10% or less.
Outcome B: Psychiatric Inpatient Admissions will be at 10% or less.
2. Assist clients in their mental health recovery process and with developing the skills necessary to lead healthy and productive lives in the community.
Outcome A: Clients with stable/permanent housing will be 95% or greater.
Outcome B: Clients engaged in purposeful activity (such as educational, vocational, and volunteer work) will be 95% or greater.
Outcome C: Of those discharged, 15% or less will be discharged to a higher level of care.
Outcome D: Of those discharged, 85% or more will be discharged to a lower level of care.
3. Provide mental health (and/or substance abuse) services for clients and their families in order to prevent out-of-home and out-of-county placements.
Outcome A: Clients with new out-of-primary home placements (county and out-of-county) will be 5% or less.
Outcome B: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) completion will be 100%.
Outcome C: CANS improvement in 3+ domains (a report of a positive change by domain) will be 10% or greater (in 3 of 6 domains);
Outcome D: Pediatric Symptoms Checklist (PSC) completion will be 100%.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Cost FY 22 - 23:</u>	<u>Cost FY 23-24:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost FY 22-24</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Federal	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2022–2023 Proposed Budget. Funding for FY 2023-2024 will be included in the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget and is contingent upon Board approval.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. The agreement includes language requiring contractor 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 Denise Morales at dmorales@sbcbswell.org and the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Olive Crest FY 22-24 BC

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