



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: October 15, 2019
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 - Psynergy FY 17-20 Fourth Amendment

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 a Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Psynergy Programs, Inc.**, (not a local vendor) to add an Adult Residential Facility offering non-ambulatory mental health beds for FY 19-20, with no increase to the total contract maximum amount of **\$4,121,549** for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020; and
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request authorization to amend Psynergy Programs, Inc.'s (Psynergy) multi-year contract with Behavioral Wellness' (BeWell) in order to add an Adult Residential facility which focuses on the care of geriatric mental health clients and meets the needs of non-ambulatory mental health clients for 2019-2020 with no increase to the maximum contract amount not to exceed \$4,121,549 for FY 17-20. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BeWell to meet the need of our fragile and aging mental health clients.

Background:

Psynergy, located in the Bay Area, provides residential treatment services to adult clients as a step-down from IMDs. Psynergy works with clients in IMDs to identify whether they may be ready to step down to a lower level of care, then works to step clients down through three progressions of residential care, with the eventual goal of equipping clients to return to Santa Barbara County to live independently. In addition, the growth of the aging mental health population affects many aspects of our society, presenting challenges to mental health care providers to meet the needs of aging individuals. Through this fourth amendment, BeWell requests that an Adult Residential Facility be added to Psynergy’s contract to provide geriatric non-ambulatory services to meet the needs of aging mental health clients.

Performance Outcomes:

In FY 18/19, Psynergy served an average of 21 clients per quarter. They met or functionally met all their performance goals: per quarter, they averaged just one acute psychiatric hospitalization, less than one physical health hospitalization, and less than one transition to a higher level of care. They also discharged two clients to lower levels of care.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 17-18	Fy 18-19	FY 19-20	Total Contract Amount
General Fund				
State	\$ 460,774.50	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,460,774.50
Federal	\$ 460,774.50	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 1,660,774.50
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 921,549.00	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 4,121,549.00

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources were approved by the Board of Supervisors in the FY19-20 Budget. This fourth amendment adds a facility but does not increase the maximum contract amount.

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. As with any contract funded with State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments through the State’s auditing process. This contract includes language requiring contractor to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to: dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and one (1) signature page and (1) Minute Order to BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Psynergy 17-20 BC 18-074 AM4

Attachment B: Psynergy 17-20 BC 18-074 AM3

Attachment C: Psynergy 17-20 BC 18-074 AM2

Attachment D: Psynergy 17-20 BC 18-074 AM1

Attachment E.: Psynergy FY 17-20 BC 18-074

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