



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: January 8, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, PsyD. Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations,
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – First Amendment FY 2017-2019 to Department of Health
Care Services Contract for FEMA Grant Funded Crisis Counseling Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute a first amendment to the multi-year revenue agreement #17-94705 with the state **Department of Health Care Services**, increasing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funds and extending the contract period by one month, for a new total contract amount of **\$1,197,485.72** (inclusive of \$316,842.95 under the original agreement) for the period of January 15, 2018 through April 30, 2019.
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which 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 Thomas Fire and the 1/9 Debris Flow disasters that occurred from December 2017 to January 2018 had an unprecedented and continuing impact on Santa Barbara County. This multi-year revenue contract amendment with DHCS provides Behavioral Wellness with additional funds to extend and expand the provision of Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) services. This item is being brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the recommended actions authorizing the

Behavioral Wellness Director to sign this amendment to accept additional DHCS Crisis Counseling funding, along with other contract revisions required by DHCS.

Background:

The State of California provides a comprehensive array of Specialty Mental Health Services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in each county through a county mental health plan contract with DHCS to provide those services. County mental health plans are required to provide or arrange for the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Each county's behavioral health (or mental health) department operates its mental health plan and is able to arrange for the provision of crisis counseling services. However, no dedicated funding is provided for disaster-related behavioral health services. During and after the natural disasters, Behavioral Wellness began providing Crisis Counseling Services to Santa Barbara County community members.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides assistance to states that suffer natural disasters in accordance with the Stafford Act. Section 416 of that Act authorizes FEMA to fund behavioral health services and training following a natural disaster. FEMA funds crisis counseling and related services through the Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) for a limited period of time. The funds are awarded after a Presidential Disaster Declaration. CCP funding supports community-based outreach, counseling and other mental health services to survivors of natural disasters.

In February 2018, with Board approval, Behavioral Wellness applied for the CCP grant. DHCS awarded Behavioral Wellness a FEMA CCP grant for \$316,842.95, approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 19, 2018, to provide crisis counseling from January 15, 2018 through March 31, 2019. The CCP services were provided through a contract between Behavioral Wellness and Mental Wellness Center. At the time, Behavioral Wellness shared with the Board that we would return upon receipt from DHCS of second round of grant funding.

On October 18, 2018, Behavioral Wellness received the amendment from DHCS, which extends the contract by one month through April 30, 2019 and increases the funding to \$1,197,485.72, inclusive of the original contract amount of \$316,842.95. The amendment also includes other clarifications and revisions, including federally required clauses and a new dispute resolution procedure. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to accept the additional DHCS FEMA CCP funds to cover the cost of its ongoing contract with MWC for additional crisis counseling services, to assist individuals and communities recovering from the effects of these natural disasters by providing community-based outreach and psychoeducational services.

Performance Measures and Outcomes:

Behavioral Wellness submits a comprehensive report that tracks and monitors the Crisis Counseling and Training Program (CCP) services of recruitment, assessing, crisis counseling, media and marketing/outreach, training, data collection and invoicing is provided monthly to DHCS. The services were delivered through September 30, 2018 include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Crisis Counseling:
 - i. Total of 6648 brief encounter consisting of education and supportive contact (the largest population in our groups were children under the age of 18).
 - ii. Made 346 referrals.
 - iii. Served a total of 233 Individuals by providing assessment and individual and group counseling) with 58 Latino, 3 other, 172 non Latino. 33 out of 233 reported no reaction to the disaster.

B. Media and Marketing Outreach:

- i. 18 Community presentations to a varied population serving 635 individuals in groups, both in English and Spanish.
 - a. 90% of our groups were Education Groups consisted a focus on preventing or mitigating adverse repercussions by providing public education and referrals.
 - b. 10% Process Groups - community support and networking.
 - c. 2 Radio presentations on crisis program services.
 - d. Provided articles in local newspapers.
 - e. Created HOPE 805 social media site (39 posts and 159 followers).

C. Recruitment/Training:

- i. Collaboration with the Bucket Brigade, Habitat for Humanity, Sheriff, Montecito Emergency Response and Recovery Action Group providing stress management, practice of coping skills.
- ii. Training – American Red Cross, Hospice, Youth Wellness Connection, FEMA “ Nonviolence Crisis Intervention”, and Compassionate Fatigue training.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>
General Fund		
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Other: FEMA Grant	\$ 316,842.95	\$ 880,642.77
Annual Total:	\$ 316,842.95	\$ 880,642.77
Grand Total:		\$ 1,197,485.72

Narrative: This multi-year revenue contract provided increased appropriations for FY 17-18 of \$316,842.95 in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$45,737) and Services and Supplies (\$271,106.95) under BRR#0005690, approved June 19, 2018, funded by unanticipated revenue from Federal Emergency Management Agency grant No. 17-94705. It also increased appropriations for FY 18-19 by \$880,643 in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$24,797) and Services and Supplies (\$855,846) under BRR#0005898, approved September 18, 2019, funded by unanticipated revenue from Federal Emergency Management Agency grant No. 17-94705 A01.

Key Contract Risks:

The funding is subject to congressional appropriation of funds. If the funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, DHCS has the option to either cancel this Contract with no liability occurring to DHCS, or offer an amended agreement to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount. It also passes on to the County the responsibility to repay any audit exception taken by the Federal government or the California State Auditor. The contract also imposes procedural and reporting requirements implemented by Behavioral Wellness that could be subject to audit in the future. However, Behavioral Wellness contracts with its service providers include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) copy of the minute order to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: DHCS FY 2017-2019 FEMA Agreement #A01

Attachment B: DHCS FY 2017-2019 FEMA Agreement

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