



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER


Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: June 3, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director 
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SUBJECT: **First Amendment to the Services Agreement with Olive Crest for Mental Health
Services for Fiscal Year 2024–26 (BC 24-016)**

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 First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor (BC 24-016) with **Olive Crest** (not a local vendor) to extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027; update certain standard terms in compliance with State and federal requirements; add seven Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) locations in Orange County and Riverside County, commencing June 3, 2025; and add \$750,000 to the contract maximum for a revised total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$2,250,000**, inclusive of \$750,000 per fiscal year (FY), for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to change the staffing requirements per Exhibit A-6 all without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board of Supervisors' approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board of Supervisors' ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding

mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Olive Crest** (BC 24-016) to update certain standard terms in compliance with State and federal requirements, to add seven locations for the care of children and youth placed in a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) in Orange County and Riverside County commencing June 3, 2025, to provide mandated Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), to add \$750,000 to the contract maximum for a revised total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$2,250,000**, and to extend the term of the agreement through June 30, 2027. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to expand its work with Olive Crest to provide out-of-county placement for children and youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) who need SMHS, including therapy and rehabilitation services.

Background:

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

The California Department of Social Services Continuum of Care Reform, Assembly Bill (AB) 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. In Santa Barbara County, BWell, Child Welfare Services (CWS), and Probation partner as interdisciplinary agencies for determining the need for and recommending the placement of County children and youth in a STRTP. An STRTP is a residential facility that provides an integrated program of specialized intensive care and supervision services and support, SMHS, mental health treatment, and short-term (24-hour) care and supervision to children and youth.

In 2022, AB 1051 was passed by the California legislature, wherein for children or youth transferred to another county, the original county retains responsibility to arrange and provide SMHS, except in certain circumstances. It is expected that there will be an increase in transfers of this type. The Olive Crest Agreement provides resources outside of the County for BWell to place children and youth in compliance with AB 1051.

Olive Crest is a CBO that provides residential STRTP placements to 16 Medi-Cal eligible children and youth ages 12 through 24 with SED who are County residents, and presumptive transfer clients from other counties, In-Home Behavioral Services (IHBS), Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) Coordination and Linkage services. Program services include assessment and reassessment, collateral, crisis intervention, intensive care coordination, medication support services, plan development, rehabilitation, targeted case management, therapy, intensive home-based services, and therapeutic behavioral services coordination and linkage.

BWell has contracted with Olive Crest for STRTP, IHBS, ICC, and TBS Coordination and Linkage services since March 2022. On June 25, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2024-26 Agreement with Olive Crest (BC 24-016) for the provision of mental health services to children and youth. This

amendment will expand the Agreement to include out-of-county facilities for placement of County AB 1051 referrals, increase the contract amount, and to extend the term for another year.

Performance Measure:

The Agreement with Olive Crest has performance measures to monitor program implementation. Exhibit E - Program Goals, Outcomes, and Measures of the Agreement details the program goals and performance expectations for the Contractor.

Contract Renewals:

Performance Outcomes

Data for FY 2024-25 is not yet completed. Below are the outcomes for Q1 & Q2 of FY 2024-25. As of Q2, Olive Crest averaged 4 unique clients served, 4 new enrollments, and 6 discharges. Of the 14 goals, they have met 7 of them, have not yet made 3 of them, and for 4 no data was available or the goal was not measurable.

Of the goals met:

- 10% of clients were incarcerated, with a goal of 10% or less;
- 10% of clients received crisis services, with a goal of 10% or less;
- 10% of clients were admitted to acute psychiatric inpatient care, with a goal of 10% or less;
- 100% of clients had a follow-up after discharge from inpatient admission within 7 days, with a goal of 95% or more;
- 0% of clients were transitioned to a higher level of care, with a goal of 15% or less;
- 100% for Childhood and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) completions, with a goal of 95% or more;
- 100% for Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) completion, with a goal of 95% or more;

Of those unmet:

- 27% of clients had stable/permanent housing, with a goal of 95% or more;
- 27% of clients were engaged in purposeful activities, with a goal of 95% or more;
- 13% of clients were transitioned to a lower level of care, with a goal of 85% or more;

There was no data on Adult Needs & Strength Assessment (ANSA) completions as no clients required them; nor was there data on PSC or CANS improvements. There were no clients discharged from incarceration back to Olive Crest, therefore there was no need for follow-up within 7 days.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Total
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 14,584	\$ 14,584	\$ 14,584	\$ 43,752
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other: Medi-Cal Patient Revenue	\$ 735,416	\$ 735,416	\$ 735,416	\$ 2,206,248
Total	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,250,000

The above-referenced Agreement is funded by a combination of State and federal funds. With the transition to California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Payment Reform, the ongoing program cost will primarily be funded with fee-for-service Medi-Cal Patient Revenue with Realignment funding covering the local match. The amount of federal funds is contingent on the client's aid code and the State-issued rate for the service.

The proposed amendment does not change the contract maximum allocation by year, as in-county youth placements and contract utilization have been lower than anticipated at the local Olive Crest facility. The current contract allocations are sufficient to support placements at additional sites. An additional year is also being requested to allow services to continue beyond the initial contract term. The funding sources were included in the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget and FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget, and future year funding will be incorporated into the department's recommended budgets, subject to Board approval.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, executed copy of the above Amendment and one (1) Minute Order to Svetlana Arriaga at sarriaga@sbcbswell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Olive Crest FY 2024-27 Board Contract First Amendment

Attachment B – Olive Crest FY 2024-26 Board Contract BC 24-016 executed

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