



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** May 20, 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(s): Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director

Department of Behavioral Wellness

Contact Info:

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**SUBJECT:** **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) First Amendment to the FY 2023-25 Participation Agreement for Inter-Member Transfers Program Services (No. 4948-PT-2023-SB)**

## 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 Participation Agreement with **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)** for the Inter-Member Transfers (a.k.a Presumptive Transfer) Program (Contract No. 4948-PT-2023-SB) to extend the term of the agreement from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027; replenish \$200,000 to the Initial Funding Deposit (IFD), and replace Exhibit A, Section II, Program Overview to incorporate information pertaining to Assembly Bill (AB) 1051, for a revised total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$250,000, inclusive of administrative fees consisting of portal fees (\$4,000 annually) and transaction fees (5% of annual transfer-out payments), for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5), finding that the action is a governmental funding mechanism and/or administrative or fiscal activity 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 a First Amendment to the Participation Agreement with **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)** (Contract No. 4948-PT-2023-SB) for the provision of the Inter-Member Transfers Program to update the Program Overview to incorporate information pertaining to Assembly Bill (AB) 1051, to replenish \$200,000 to the Initial Funding Deposit (IFD) for a revised total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$250,000**, and to extend the term of services by two years through June 30, 2027. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to continue to offer greater access to Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for foster youth placed out of the county.

**Background:**

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved the County's membership in CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) under Gov. Code §6500 et seq. that serves California counties as an independent administrative and fiscal intergovernmental structure for jointly developing, funding, and implementing mental health services and educational programs at the State, regional, and local levels.

Counties that provide Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for foster youth are reimbursed through federal financial participation (FFP) and matching county share Medi-Cal billing. In 2024, AB 1051, added Welfare and Institutions Code Section (W & I) 14717.25, which changed the responsibility for these services from the county of original jurisdiction (sending county) to the county of residence (receiving county) in which the foster youth resides. The defined process above is "presumptive transfer," which means a prompt transfer of the responsibility for arranging and payment for SMHS from the sending county to the receiving county in which the foster child resides, as provided for by W&I § 14717.1.

The county of original jurisdiction retains responsibility for SMHS in Community Treatment Facilities (CTFs), Group Homes (GHs), Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs), and Children's Crisis Residential Programs (CCRP) unless specific conditions warrant an exception.

CalMHSA has been contracted to act as a fiscal agent to perform fund transfers on behalf of counties as specified above. CalMHSA operates a banking pool funded by all participants to facilitate timely, efficient, and accountable fund transfers between counties. Each participating member county has a separate financial ledger account and will receive periodic statements of year-to-date balance, payments to other counties, payments from other counties, administration fees, and interest earned.

On April 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the Participation Agreement No. 4948-PT-2023-SB for the Inter-Member Transfers (a.k.a. Presumptive Transfer) Program and administrative fees in the amount of \$20,000, inclusive of \$10,000 per FY with an initial deposit of \$0 into the IFD for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

This First Amendment to the Participation Agreement will extend the term of the agreement from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, replenish \$200,000 in additional funds to the IFD banking pool for SMHS provided to foster youth placed out of County, and update Exhibit A, Section II, Program Overview to incorporate information pertaining to AB 1051.

**Performance Measure:**

CalMHSA's administration of this program maintains efficiency in the implementation of services. CalMHSA maintains all records and provides regular fiscal reports to BWell.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Total</b>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Realignment (Administrative Fees)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 50,000
State Realignment (IFD Replenishment)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fees	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 215,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>

The above-referenced agreement is funded by State Realignment funds. The fiscal impact is an increase of \$200,000 allocated to fund the specialty mental health services associated with Medi-Cal eligible out-of-county youth placements. 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 of Supervisors 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](mailto:sarriaga@sbcbswell.org) and to [bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – CalMHSA FY 2023-27 IMT Program Participation Agreement No. 4948-PT-2023-SB  
First Amendment

**Attachment B** – CalMHSA FY 2023-25 IMT Program Participation Agreement No. 4948-PT-2023-SB  
executed

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