



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 13, 2025

Present: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson
Absent 1 - Supervisor Lavagnino

BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC
DEFENDER'S OFFICE

File Reference No. 25-00373

RE:

Consider recommendations regarding a Grant Agreement with the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) for Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Program Services for Fiscal Years 2024-2029 and a Salary Resolution Amendment to add positions to the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) and the Public Defender's Office, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of BWell or designee to execute a grant agreement with the California DSH (Agreement No. 24-79016-000), as well as the required certifications, for the County's provision of pre-trial felony mental health services for clients with serious mental disorders residing within the county, known as Felony Mental Health Diversion clients, for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$14,822,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029;

b) Adopt an amendment to Salary Resolution No. 07-207 to add one (1.0 full-time equivalent [FTE]) Team Supervisor, one (1.0 FTE) Clinical Psychologist, and one (1.0 FTE) Department Business Specialist to the Department of BWell and two (2.0 FTE) Deputy Public Defenders and one (1.0 FTE) Legal Office Professional to the Office of the Public Defender, effective May 12, 2025;

c) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010369, to establish appropriations of \$934,100.00 in Public Defender General Funds for Salaries and Benefits (\$890,000.00), Services and Supplies (\$44,100.00) funded by unanticipated revenue from Intergovernmental Rev-State; Establish appropriations of \$2,683,078.00 in BWell Mental Health Service Act Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$999,727.00), Services and Supplies (\$749,251.00), and other Financing Uses (\$934,100.00) funded by unanticipated revenue from Charges for Services (\$101,078.00), Intergovernmental Rev-State (\$2,582,000.00); and

d) Determine that the above-recommended actions are 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 actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.



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A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Approved, ratified and authorized;

b) Adopted; and

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c) and d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Lavagnino