



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:** June 25, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director DS  
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**SUBJECT: Olive Crest FY 2024-2026 Renewal Services Agreement for Mental Health Services**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Olive Crest** (not a local vendor) for the provision of mental health services to children and youth for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$1,500,000**, inclusive of \$750,000 per fiscal year, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Sections 20 and 26 of the Agreement, respectively; authorize additional services per Exhibits A-3 and A-4; change staffing requirements per Exhibits A-3 and A-4; reallocate funds between funding sources, incorporate new codes and make fee-for-service rate changes or updates and to reimburse on a cost reimbursement basis for Medi-Cal fee-for-service programs, reallocate between contract allocations for the incentive payment, and activate the Contingency Invoicing Plan per Exhibit B; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E, all without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board’s approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that 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 item is on the agenda to request authorization to renew the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Olive Crest** to provide mandated specialty mental health services to sixteen (16) clients, age twelve (12) through twenty-four (24) years old. The maximum contract amount is not to exceed \$1,500,000 (with a per fiscal year amount of \$750,000) for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to continue to provide specialty mental health services to children and youth with serious emotional disturbances, including therapy and rehabilitation services.

**Background:**

Olive Crest is a Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) that provides placements for mandated mental health services to sixteen (16) Medi-Cal eligible children and youth ages twelve (12) through twenty-four (24) with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) who are residents of Santa Barbara County and presumptive transfer clients from other counties.

A Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) is a residential facility that provides an integrated program of specialized intensive care and supervision services, and support; specialty mental health services; mental health treatment; and short-term, 24-hour care and supervision to children and youth.

BWell has contracted with Olive Crest for STRTP services since March 2022. On May 10, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 22-24 Agreement with Olive Crest (BC 21-269). BWell now request Board approval of the contract renewal for FY 24-26.

**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 performance expectations for the Contractor. Program Goals include:

- i. Reduce mental health and substance abuse symptoms resulting in reduced utilization of involuntary care and emergency rooms for mental health and physical health problems;
- ii. Assist clients in their mental health recovery process and with developing the skills necessary to lead healthy and productive lives in the community;
- iii. Provide mental health (and/or substance abuse) services for children and their families in order to prevent out-of-home and out-of-county placements.

**Performance Outcomes**

For FY-2023-2024 Olive Crest reported: 2.5 average clients served with 1.5 average discharges. 6 out of 8 quarterly goals were met.

Met:

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Incarceration 0% with a goal of 10% or less.

Admission into the Psychiatric Inpatient Unit 0% with a goal of 10% or less.

Stable/Permanent housing 100% with a goal of 95% or more.

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) 100% completed each, with a goal of 100%.

Not Met:

Discharges to Lower Level of Care (LOC) 50% with a goal of 15% or less.

Discharges to a higher Level of Care (LOC) 50% with a goal of 85% or more.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25</u></b>	<b><u>FY 25-26</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 14,584	\$ 14,584	\$ 29,168
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Medi-Cal Patient Revenue	\$ 735,416	\$ 735,416	\$ 1,470,832
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 750,000</b>	<b>\$ 750,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>

Narrative:

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 State Realignment funding covering the local match.

The funding sources are included in the FY 24-25 Recommended Budget. Future year funding will be included in the department's requested budgets, subject to Board approval.

**Key Contract Risks:**

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. The Agreement includes language requiring the contractor to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

**Special Instructions:**

Please email one (1) Minute order and one (1) executed Agreement to Deidre Baker at [dbaker@sbcbswell.org](mailto:dbaker@sbcbswell.org) and to the BWELL Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Olive Crest FY 24-26 Agreement

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