



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: May 3, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness - Student Support Agreement Template for FY 2022-2027

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Behavioral Wellness Director or designee to execute student support agreements with educational institutions for student learning experiences at the Department of Behavioral Wellness in accordance with the attached Student Support Agreement template consisting of the Standard Agreement; Exhibit A(s), and Exhibit B Waiver Release Agreement through December 31, 2027 (Attachment A);
- B. Approve and authorize the Behavioral Wellness Director or designee to make immaterial amendments to Student Support Agreements in accordance with the immaterial amendments provision of the Student Support Agreement(s), upon review and concurrence by County Counsel's Office through December 31, 2027; and
- C. Determine that the recommended actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines because these activities are organization and administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve and authorize the Behavioral Wellness (BWell) Director to execute Student Support Agreements (SSA) based on the template (Attachment A) consisting of the Standard Agreement, Exhibit A(s) for Alcohol And Drug Counseling Student Community-Based Dual Diagnosis Intervention Program, Clinical Social Work

Services, Undergraduate Social Work Services, Marriage and Family Therapist Services, Student Nursing Program, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program, Psychologist Services, and the Waiver Release Agreement with educational institutions for five years through December 31, 2027. In addition, authorize the Board to delegate authority to the BWell Director or designee to make immaterial amendments to Student Support Agreements in accordance with the Subsection S (Immaterial Amendments) of Section III (General Provisions) of the Student Support Agreement, upon review and concurrence by County Counsel's Office through December 31, 2027.

Background:

BWell operates several children and adult mental health clinics, a Psychiatric Hospital Facility, and a Crisis Stabilization Unit throughout Santa Barbara County that require a wide range of licensed mental health and alcohol and drug professionals. Various educational institutions, as part as their accredited mental health and alcohol and drug programs, require students to participate in off-site practicum SSA experience programs for course credit as part of their curriculum to become licensed mental health and alcohol and drug professionals.

With the severe staffing shortages across the nation in the field of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Services, the SSA programs provide a mutual benefit to the Institution, its students, and the County. It provides County the opportunity to connect students and graduates to the services and professions available at the County. These programs also provide the opportunity for students to engage in volunteer internships, use County facilities, and obtain clinical experience under supervision by licensed or certified practitioners.

BWell has facilities and professional staff oversight suitable for the Institution's Program. The SSA program enables BWell to provide voluntary internship/trainee programs at the discretion of the individual Mental Health Center Administrators, which have the ability to approve or reject preceptorships based on preceptor availability. Prior to students being assigned a preceptor, the Student Support Agreement with the institution must be executed.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts associated with this action as it is purely administrative in nature.

Key Contract Risks: The student support agreement language requires the institution to ensure that students are covered by professional and general liability insurance.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this action.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to dmorales@sbcbswell.org and the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: SSA FY 22-27 Template

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