



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 24, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
Contact Info: John Winckler, Director of Clinical Operations, (805) 681-5220
SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Mental Health Contract Renewal FY 22-25 - Community
Action Commission of Santa Barbara County dba CommUnify

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 and authorize the Chair to execute a multi-year Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County dba CommUnify** (CommUnify) (a local vendor) for the provision of children's mental health services, for a Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$3,535,635** for an annual amount of \$1,178,545, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, subject to annual budget appropriations and available funding (Attachment A);
- 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 per Section 20 of the Agreement; make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26 of the Agreement; amend the staffing requirements of the Exhibits A(s) of the Agreement; reallocate funds between funding sources with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreements; adjust the provisional rate with discretion per Exhibit B; approve subsidy payments in excess of the limit per Exhibit B of the Agreement; waive the use of County Maximum rates per Exhibit B of the Agreement; and amend the goals, measures, and outcomes in Exhibit E, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal 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 that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request that the Board of Supervisors approve the Chair's execution of the multi-year agreement for Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County dba CommUnify for the provision of children's mental health services with a Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$3,535,635** for an annual amount of \$1,178,545, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Also, this item requests that the Board delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay or interrupt services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement; make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26 of the Agreement; amend the staffing requirements within the Exhibits A(s) of the Agreement; reallocate funds between funding sources with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreements; adjust the provisional rate with discretion per Exhibit B; approve subsidy payments in excess of the limit per Exhibit B of the Agreement; waive the use of County Maximum rates per Exhibit B of the Agreement; and amend the goals, measures, and outcomes in Exhibit E, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal amendment to the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time.

Approval of the recommended actions will provide various specialty mental health services to children and adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and other individuals to the extent resources allow, including mental health services such as therapy and rehabilitation services.

Background:

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

CAC provides mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible children with Serious Emotional Disorders (SEDs) at three regional children's clinics countywide, as well as specialty mental health services for children up to age five through Head Start programs located in Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara. CAC rehabilitation specialists provide flexible, intensive, and individualized behavioral interventions designed to assist youth with developing interpersonal and social skills, managing negative behaviors, and succeeding in their home, school, and community.

Performance Outcomes:

During the first two quarters of the current FY 2021-22, CommUnify had the following outcomes:

1. TAY FSP – Santa Barbara - CommUnify served an average of 27 clients and discharged 11. It met three of its seven goals. There were no incarcerations; 11% were admitted to acute psychiatric inpatient care with a goal of 5% or less; 94% had stable/permanent housing with a goal of 95% or more; 62% were engaged in purposeful activity with a goal of 95% or more; 29% were discharged to a higher level of care with a goal of 15% or less; and 71% were discharged to a lower level of care with a goal of 85% or more. There were no new out-of-primary home placements.
2. TAY FSP – Santa Maria - CommUnify served an average of 24 clients and discharged 18. It met six of its seven goals. There were no incarcerations; 2% were admitted to acute psychiatric inpatient care with a goal of 5% or less; 98% had stable/permanent housing with a goal of 95% or

more; 63% were engaged in purposeful activity with a goal of 95% or more; no clients were discharged to a higher level of care with a goal of 15% or less; and 100% were discharged to a lower level of care with a goal of 85% or more. There were no new out-of-primary home placements.

3. TAY FSP – Lompoc - CommUnify served an average of 22 clients and discharged 6. It met four of its seven goals. There were no incarcerations; 4% were admitted to acute psychiatric inpatient care with a goal of 5% or less; 93% had stable/permanent housing with a goal of 95% or more; 28% were engaged in purposeful activity with a goal of 95% or more; no clients were discharged to a higher level of care with a goal of 15% or less; and 100% were discharged to a lower level of care with a goal of 85% or more. There were no new out-of-primary home placements.
4. Head Start - CommUnify served an average of 72 clients and discharged 41. It met all five of its five goals. All clients had stable/permanent housing with a goal of 95% or more; 100% were engaged in purposeful activity with a goal of 95% or more; no clients were discharged to a higher level of care with a goal of 15% or less; and 100% were discharged to a lower level of care with a goal of 85% or more. There were no new out-of-primary home placements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>	<u>TOTAL FY 22-25</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 589,272.50	\$ 589,272.50	\$ 589,272.50	
Federal	\$ 589,272.50	\$ 589,272.50	\$ 589,272.50	
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 1,178,545.00	\$ 1,178,545.00	\$ 1,178,545.00	\$ 3,535,635.00

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources were included in the FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. The funding sources will also be included in the FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budgets and funds are contingent upon 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 through the State’s auditing process. This contract includes language requiring contractor to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) signature page and (1) Minute Order to Denise Morales at dmorales@sbcbswell.org and the BWell Contracts Division at bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: CommUnify FY 22-25 BC

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