



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:** 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  
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**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness Institution for Mental Disease Contract Renewal –  
Community Care on Palm Riverside, LLC Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 to 2025

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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:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, and authorize the Chair to execute a multiyear Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Community Care on Palm Riverside, LLC** (not a local vendor), an Institute of Mental Disease skilled nursing facility for the provision of mental health services, for a Maximum Contract Amount of **\$750,000** for an annual amount of \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 (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; 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 these activities are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to request the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to execute a multiyear Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Community Care on Palm Riverside, LLC (CCOP), an Institute of Mental Disease skilled nursing facility, for the provision of mental health services for a Maximum Contract Amount of \$750,000 or \$250,000 annually for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Also to delegate to the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) 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; 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.

**Background:**

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers, including Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs). Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs) are facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental illness, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are met.

Due to the Federal IMD Exclusion, these services are not reimbursable by Medi-Cal for clients between the ages of 21 and 65. There are a limited number of these highly structured residential treatment services in California. Behavioral Wellness contracts with IMDs that are licensed as Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Patches, and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers. Due to limited bed availability at each IMD, Behavioral Wellness contracts with a number of IMDs throughout the State.

CCOP, located in Riverside, provides Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) skilled nursing facilities (SNF). Contractor provides physician services, nursing, pharmaceutical services, dietary services, and an activity program in an inpatient setting. As an SNF, it provides continuous skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients who have a primary need for it on an extended basis. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated mental health services.

**Performance Measure:**

The program goals are to assist clients in their mental health recovery process and develop the skills necessary to lead independent, healthy and productive lives in the community.

1. Of those who discharged (#dc = denominator):  $\leq 15\%$  who transitioned to a higher level of care.
2. Of those who discharged (#dc = denominator):  $\geq 85\%$  who transitioned to a lower level of care or graduated/discharges because care is no longer needed or medical necessity is not met.
3. Incidents requiring a higher level of supervision  $\leq 5\%$ .

**Performance Measure:**

For the first 3 quarters of this FY 2021-22, they served 7 clients total with 3 discharges.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 22-23</u></b>	<b><u>FY 23-24</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL FY 22-25</u></b>
General Fund				
State	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 750,000.00
Federal				\$ -
Fees				
Other:				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 750,000.00</b>

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State funds. The funding source was included in the FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. The funding for FY 23-24 and FY 24-25 will be included in the Proposed Budget for FY 23-24 and FY 24-25 and funding is contingent upon Board approval.

**Key Contract Risks:**

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

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) complete copy of the executed contract and one (1) Minute Order to Denise Morales at [dmorales@sbcbswell.org](mailto:dmorales@sbcbswell.org) and [bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CCOP FY 22-25 BC

**Authored by:**

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