



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: January 15, 2019
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: Merced FY 18-19 Am 2

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 the Second Amendment to the Agreement for services of independent Contractor with Cf Merced Behavioral, LLC, a California limited liability company, dba **Merced Behavioral Center** (not a local vendor), an Institution for Mental Disease, to increase the FY 18-19 contract by **\$250,000** for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$2,019,585** for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.
- B. Determine that the recommended actions are not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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 potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request an increase in Merced Behavioral Center's FY 18-19 contract by \$250,000.00 for a total contract maximum not to exceed \$2,019,585.00. Approval of the

recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated mental health, substance use, and ancillary services. The Board previously authorized the County to enter into a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor on May 15, 2018 to increase the contract amount for FY 17-18 by \$119,585.00 for a total contract maximum not to exceed \$1,769,585.00.

The Department of Behavioral Wellness 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. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. The increase will be funded by a reduction of another IMD contract.

Background:

Institutions for Mental Disease (“IMD”): Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of services, including inpatient treatment services to best meet the needs of individuals with severe mental illness. IMDs are facilities including hospitals, 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. 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 and none in Santa Barbara County. 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.

Merced Behavioral Center (Merced), located in Merced County, provides intensive psychiatric mental health treatment, medical assessment, diagnosis, and monitoring in a locked setting. In order to project the following year’s contract amounts within the Department’s budget constraints, Behavioral Wellness examines the current caseload and historical use of IMD facilities. Merced’s average caseload for FY 17-18 was 9 and the current contract amount is based on that average. However, presently Behavioral Wellness has 10 clients at Merced but is paying for 12 beds due to the fact that two clients need their own room. The contract increase will cover this new caseload.

Performance Outcomes:

The caseload for Merced has increased from 9 to 10; however, 2 clients require their own room resulting in Behavioral Wellness paying for 12 beds.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>Total Contract Amount</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 669,585.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 550,000.00	
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 669,585.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 2,019,585.00

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State funds.

Key Contract Risks:

There is risk that the number of contracted IMD and IMD-alternative beds may increase beyond what the Department has projected. In this case, the Department will return to the Board of Supervisors to request an increase to the contract maximum where needed.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of the executed contract and one (1) minute order to: qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 2
Attachment B: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 1
Attachment C: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 BC 18-081

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