



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: April 9, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness 805-681-5220
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SUBJECT: Institute for Mental Disease FY 17-20 Amendments: Merced Behavioral Center,
Sylmar Health and Rehabilitation Center, and FY 17-19 Vista Pacifica
Enterprises, Inc.

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 Third 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 19-20 bed rates by 2%, to increase the FY 18-19 contract by **\$50,000** and to increase the FY 19-20 contract by **\$300,000** for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$2,369,585** for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.
- B) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Sylmar Health and Rehabilitation Center, Inc.**, a California corporation, (not a local vendor) an Institution for Mental Disease, to increase the FY 18-19 contract by **\$300,000** and the FY 19-20 contract by \$300,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$4,164,011** for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.
- C) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.**, a California corporation, (not a local vendor) an Institute for Mental Disease and a Skilled Nursing Facility, to increase the FY 18-19

contract by **\$384,000** for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$1,726,962** for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

- D) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The above referenced items are on the agenda to request an increase in the total contract amounts of the following contracts: Merced Behavioral Center (Merced), Sylmar Health and Rehabilitation Center (Sylmar), and Vista Pacifica Enterprises, Inc. (VPE). We also request a 2% increase in Merced's FY 19-20 bed rates. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to pay for additional client placements at each of these facilities.

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of specialty mental health services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers. Contracts with facilities providing services at various levels of care are key to ensuring that the needs of clients are optimally met. Due to an increased demand for inpatient contracted long-term beds, Behavioral Wellness needs to amend the three contract listed above. These amendments will be funded through existing IMD and Acute Hospital contract savings. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide mandated mental health and ancillary services.

Background:

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD): 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. Behavioral Wellness also contracts with IMD-alternative facilities, which are unlocked facilities providing highly structural residential programs for clients transitioning out of IMDs.

Merced Behavioral Center (Merced), located in Merced County, provides intensive psychiatric mental health treatment, medical assessment, diagnosis, and monitoring in a locked setting.

Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center (Sylmar) is a locked facility for adults with severe mental illness located in Los Angeles County. Sylmar provides intensive psychiatric mental health treatment, medical assessment, diagnosis and monitoring, and treatment groups for clients, including those diagnosed with co-occurring disorders. This facility is able to accommodate medically complex or fragile individuals.

VPE has two California facilities: Vista Pacifica Center, located in Jurupa Valley, and Vista Pacifica Convalescent in Riverside. Vista Pacifica Center specializes in geropsychology and offers four levels of service for residents that require high levels of supervision such as those whose behavioral and medical

needs include: being absent without leave, extremely verbally aggressive or threatening and abusive towards staff and peers. They also include behaviors such as being suicidal, destroying property, and having severe psychosis which requires frequent redirection, counseling, and behavior modification from staff. Vista Pacifica Convalescent specializes in Alzheimer's Care and offers three levels of care: Level A focuses on residents with chronic mental health diagnosis, with active delusions and hallucinations and/or mood swings. Level B focuses on residents with dual diagnoses of Dementia and chronic mental illness with active psychosis. Level C focuses on residents with chronic mental health illness who are not stable on medications.

Performance Outcomes:

The current funding projections for Merced are based on a client caseload that increased from 10 at the beginning of the current Fiscal Year to 11 for the months of March through June 2019. Sylmar has held a steady client caseload of 17 since FY 17-18. The current funding projections are based on the amount paid to Sylmar in FY 17-18. VPE's IMD client caseload increased from 6 at the beginning of the Fiscal Year to a current caseload of 11. However, the current funding projections are based a caseload of 16 for the months of April through June 2019.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total Contract Amount</u>
General Fund		
State	\$ 3,250,000.00	\$ 8,260,558.00
Federal		
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$ 3,250,000.00	\$ 8,260,558.00 \$ -

Narrative: The above referenced contracts are funded by State funds. The current contract increases will be funded through existing IMD and Acute Hospital contract savings.

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 maximums where needed.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of each executed amendment and one (1) minute order to: gilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 3
Attachment B: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 2
Attachment C: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 Am 1
Attachment D: Merced Behavioral Center FY 17-20 BC 18-081
Attachment E: Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center FY 17-20 AM 2
Attachment F: Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center FY 17-20 AM 1
Attachment G: Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center FY 17-20 BC 18-080
Attachment H: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 17-19 Am 3
Attachment I: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 17-19 Am 2
Attachment J: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 17-19 Am 1
Attachment K: Vista Pacifica Enterprises FY 17-19 BC 18-152

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