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Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Item Number: 1.2

MEETING DATE: 01/27/2026

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Rachel White

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R. WHITE

1. Approve retroactive, non-monetary agreement with Grand Canyon University and San Benito County Behavioral Health (SBCBH) for a Master of Social Work internship program for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029; and
 2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to sign.
- SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

San Benito County Behavioral Health is seeking to establish a non-monetary agreement with Grand Canyon University to collaborate on an internship program through their College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Advance Generalist Master of Social Work. There is currently a plan to have one of SBCBH's case managers go through the internship program starting January 1, 2026. The MOU is in place for 3 years to allow SBCBH to potentially have additional interns with the University. The start date of the agreement was revised multiple times to attempt to align with Board meeting dates during the contract review process. The agreement is retroactive to the finalized date of January 1, 2026 because the internship is supposed to start in January.

San Benito County Behavioral Health and Grand Canyon University expect each other to provide adequate instruction and clinical supervision for Field Education student(s) through GCU's College of

Humanities and Social Sciences - Master of Social Work, and will maintain ongoing communication to discuss student progress and performance.

The student is planned to observe and/or provide care for clients within their scope of practice with SBCBH. SBCBH will provide students with sound clinical and ethical experience and will enforce professional policies/state ethical guidelines. During the field experience, students are expected to develop and demonstrate the nine competencies including demonstrating ethical and professional behavior and engaging & assessing individuals, families et.al., as well as performance indicators based on their field internship level, i.e. foundation or specialization year. Students are expected to comply with all reporting and documentation requirements as well as maintain daily online time logs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is the first internship agreement with Grand Canyon University. It is a non-monetary agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet -Gran Canyon University](#)

[Non-Monetary Agreement - Grand Canyon University](#)