



SAN BENITO COUNTY AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Item Number: 1.12

MEETING DATE: 06/18/2024

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Noelle Magner-Figueroa

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Dana Edgull

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - D. EDGULL

Approve the Support, Awareness, Follow-up and Engagement (S.A.F.E) Program MOU with the City of Hollister in the amount of \$436,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, and authorize the Chair to sign said agreement. The MOU is retroactive due staff turnover, essential state mandates and time needed for rate negotiations.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

In 2021 San Benito County Behavioral Health Department (SBCBH) collaborated with the Hollister Police Department (HPD) to launch a new program to provide emergency and continued assistance to community members suffering with mental illness and substance abuse matters. S.A.F.E pairs Behavioral Health with a police officer to respond to behavioral health matters and provide proactive preventative and connection to services.

The original partnership was formalized in an MOU with a 3-year term. This new MOU continues the program for another 2-year term. The S.A.F.E. program benefits the community by increasing SBCBH ability to directly respond to community members in mental health crisis; enhancing response time for those in need of mental health services and resources; and creating a broader and more effective continuum of care that results in a decrease in justice system contacts.

The purpose of the S.A.F.E. program is to help de-escalate situations in the community involving

individuals experiencing a mental health crisis where there is a need for police interaction and also mental health crisis intervention in an effort to avoid involuntary 5150 mental health detentions.

This MOU is retroactive due to various reasons. SBCBH became aware in August 2023 that the MOU had expired and planned to work on this but due to the changes in the department from CalAIM, rate negotiations, and new leadership this MOU was deprioritized.

It once again came to SBCBH attention towards the end of April 2024, and BH worked with Hollister Police Department to get this updated as quickly as possible to reflect the ongoing support offered by Hollister PD on our community response team.

SBCBH has developed a plan to resolve these contract/MOU issues within the department by having dedicated Analysts who will oversee the contract/MOU process from beginning to end. This is the first year our Department has had this additional oversight that will track and assist the Department and community/county partners avoid lapses in future contracting/MOUs.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$480,000

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

228.90.2520.1000.619.224

CURRENT FY COST:

\$218,000.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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2. Authorize the Chair to sign said agreement.

BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

1. Approved the MOU per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)
2. Authorized the Chair to sign per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[FY 23-25 SAFE Program MOU](#)

[City of Hollister Resolution 2024-78](#)

[Fully Executed MOU - SAFE Program](#)