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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

Item Number: 1.2

MEETING DATE: 03/24/2026

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Rachel White

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R. WHITE

1. Approve the Participation Agreement Extension Amendment #2 for the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) and the County of San Benito to extend the term through June 30, 2027 and increase funding by \$1,402.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$5,608.00 to enable the county to continue to have access to state hospital beds; and

2. Authorize Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to sign.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) implemented a new, data-informed allocation methodology to support a more equitable and transparent distribution of Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) designated State Hospital beds which began on July 1, 2025.

The State Hospital Program established a streamlined process in counties communicating with state hospitals and having access to availability of beds for clients.

The new methodology guides how the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) beds are allocated across counties and is used to determine the number of beds that may be assigned to each county annually and supports a transition toward county self-management of the critical resource of hospital beds. There is a constant shortage of psychiatric inpatient hospital beds. Counties that are part of CalMHSA's State

Hospital Program have the ability to access state-designed hospital beds depending on a county's population size, behavioral health population adjustment, and historical DSH bed utilization. San Benito County is grouped into the Small Rural in which SBC shares 5 LPS beds amongst 16 other counties. The participation agreement allows San Benito County to continue to have access to these allotted beds.

The original contract (October 2023) and Amendment #1 (March 2025) were signed by SBCBH due to the amounts being within department head signature authority. After Amendment #1 was fully executed, CalMHSA sent the MOU in April 2025 which was processed for BOS per the purchasing policy and signed May 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is Amendment #2 to the initial participation agreement effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025, and Amendment #1 effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. The annual cost for each year was \$1,402. Amendment #2 is also \$1,402 for the year. The total cost is \$5,608.00.

This Participation Agreement Extension Amendment #2 is part of San Benito County Behavioral Health's MOU with CalMHSA for state hospital beds effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Amendment #2 CalMHSA](#)
[CalMHSA Amendment #2 State Hospital Program](#)
[12906-San Benito County-SHP-25_27 FINAL EXECUTED 6.17.2025](#)