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Item Number: 1.8

MEETING DATE: 05/20/2025

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Dana Edgull

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - D. EDGULL

Approve contract renewal with Kings View for fee-for-service telepsychiatry services of a bilingual Spanish-speaking provider for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00, and authorize Chair to sign.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Kings View has been providing telepsychiatry services in San Benito County for about 14 years. They provide this service for many other counties in the State. The contractor utilizes teleconferencing equipment to allow psychiatry services to be delivered by a Psychiatrist, M.D. from an off-site location to San Benito County Behavioral Health's site, via two-way live visual and auditory exchange. They provide the technical support and psychiatrist specialists to allow the services to be delivered in a manner that meets the DHCS (Dept. of Health Care Services) regulations for service delivery and eligibility to receive reimbursement for services through the Medi-Cal system. Telepsychiatry as a category of telemedicine is an accepted method of providing specialist physician services in areas experiencing shortages of such specialists.

In acknowledgement of the long-standing business relationship, contractor is freezing the rate at

\$322/hour for FY25-26. SBCBH and Kings View acknowledge the need to increase the budget contact to \$72,000.00 to ensure full coverage of the county needs for FY25-26 from previous years.

The source of funding for the non-general funds for FY25-26 will be: MHSA, Medi-cal, 1991 Realignment, and 2011 Realignment.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

There are 14 previously approved contracts with Kings View to offer telepsychiatry services to community members. This has not gone out to RFP previously as Kings View is an agency approved by DHCS and Medi-Cal to provide telepsychiatry services and sourcing psychiatrists.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$50,000

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

14 previously approved contracts. No previous fiscal year amendments. There is currently one amendment being simultaneously processed for review for FY24-25. About 50-60 clients are served every fiscal year by telepsychiatry services. The current telepsychiatrist serves about 60 clients.

The fiscal year costs for the last 5 years are as follows:

FY24/25: \$46,368.00 (JUL 24-FEB 25 YTD) MARCH-JUNE PENDING...

FY23/24: \$39,360.00

FY22/23: \$37,895.00

FY21/22: 33,000.00

FY20/21: \$38,364.00

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:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

228.90.2520.1000.619.136

CURRENT FY COST:

\$52,808 for July 2024-February 2025, with anticipated additional cost of \$16,774 for April-June

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Contract - Kings View - Telepsychiatry FY 25/26](#)