



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.9

MEETING DATE: 08/12/2025

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Dana Edgull

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - D. EDGULL

Approve San Benito County Behavioral Health (SBCBH) affiliation agreement with the University of South Dakota to provide a non-monetary internship for a Master of Social Work intern for Behavioral Health for the academic school year for the term of August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, and authorize the Chair to sign.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Collaborations with universities throughout California and other states help San Benito County Behavioral Health (SBCBH) to build their clinical infrastructure to serve beneficiaries in San Benito County by providing student interns experience in the behavioral health and mental health fields and potentially provide the community with future professional in such fields. SBCBH's partnerships with various universities has also helped the department to build its clinical staffing. The internship program is important for SBCBH because of the shortage of clinicians in the community. SBCBH can evaluate an intern's skills, work ethic, and cultural fit, potentially turning them into full-time employees once they complete their internships. This reduces hiring risks, as SBCBH has already observed the interns' performance in real work scenarios.

There is currently a plan for the university to provide one intern to SBCBH for the academic school year

starting on August 1, 2025. They will work 16 hours per week as part of their school internship requirement. The Master of Social Work intern is planned to be assigned to SBCBH's adult clinicians team and will primarily work on assessments as well as individual and group therapy.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

RFP is not applicable as this is an MOU directly between University of South Dakota and SBCBH. University of South Dakota initiated the MOU.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

No previous MOU or contract

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

No previous MOU or contract

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Contract - University of South Dakota - Internship Program](#)