



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 3.7

MEETING DATE: 08/09/2022

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Juan Gutierrez

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Ray Espinosa

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH- R. ESPINOSA

Approve contract renewal for Kings View for Telepsychiatry Services for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for a maximum amount of \$100,000.00.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This Telepsychiatry provider utilizes teleconferencing equipment to allow Psychiatry services to be delivered by a Psychiatrist, M.D. from an off-site location to the County Behavioral Health Esperanza Drop-In–Center site in Hollister, via two-way live visual and auditory exchange. Kings View provides this service for many other counties in the State. They provide the technical support and Psychiatrist specialists to allow our service 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 MediCal system.

Telepsychiatry as a category of Telemedicine is an accepted method of providing specialist physician services in areas experiencing shortages of such specialists. The Behavioral Health Dept. utilizes this particular Telepsychiatry provider to serve monolingual Spanish speakers through access to a Spanish speaking Psychiatrist.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

There have been 13 previous contracts between SBCBH and Kingsview.

Based on the BOS presentation from January 25, 2022, an RFP for such contract is not advised due to this contractor being an agency that allows for a placement of state mandated psychiatrists at Behavioral Health agencies. In order to preserve continuity of care for clients, an ongoing secure contract with these hard to recruit psychiatrist staffing agencies is essential to the operations of the department.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$100,000

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

We have had 13 prior contracts without amendments.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

Yes

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:

228.90.2520.1000.619.218

CURRENT FY COST:

0.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the attached contract renewal for Telepsychiatry Services with the Kings View Corporation for the term of FY 2021-22 for a maximum total of \$100,000.00 and;
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign said agreement

ATTACHMENTS:

[22-23 Kingsview Telepsychiatry](#)