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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

Item Number: 1.4

MEETING DATE: 01/27/2026

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Rachel White

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R. WHITE

1. Approve revised retroactive contract with Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' Marie Green Psychiatric Center for the term of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for special services in crisis stabilization, inpatient psychiatric services, and beds for San Benito County clients who may be in crisis and may need access to MGPC's short-term hospitalization services as it was discovered by the Contractor that some edits didn't make the final signed contract including typos and invoice and billing updates, for a total not to exceed \$100,000.00; and
 2. Authorize Chair, County Executive Officer, or designee to sign said revised contract.
- SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), through the 1915 B waiver process with the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, requires local county Mental Health Plans to provide an array of services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. These include inpatient, residential, and intensive outpatient services to address a variety of conditions. Merced County is a neighboring county and provides inpatient psychiatric facilities not available in San Benito County.

Merced County's Marie Green Psychiatric Center (MGPC) provides short-term inpatient services and treatment for crisis or emergency clients. The staff at MGPC provide treatment to adult clients who have

acute psychiatric disorders and require total psychiatric care.

MGPC is a program through Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), but is distinct from the rest of BHRS's services due to MGPC's specialty in crisis care. San Benito County Behavioral Health has a current contract with BHRS specifically for residential care in their locked psychiatric skilled nursing facility (1255 B Street, Merced, CA 95340), which is at a different location than MGPC (300 E. 15th Street, Ste. B, Merced, CA 95341).

The contract was originally approved by the Board on 10/14/25. However, the Contractor realized the following edits weren't reflected in the final signed contract:

- "Section 6" was corrected to "Section 5" in the last paragraph in #3 on page 2
- #4 on page 2, the first sentence in the third paragraph was updated from "By invoice or approved alternate documentation County may" to "Each invoice or approved alternate documentation must"
- #4 on page 2, a new bullet point was added to include "Include date of invoice and billing period for reimbursable services"
- #6 on page 4, the title's "/" was updated with the word "to"
- Under Exhibit C on page 10, "Merced" was removed from "County"
- #1, #3, and #6 on page 10, MGPC, DHCS and QPM were spelled out to "Marie Green Psychiatric Facility", "Department of Health Care Services", and "Quality Performance Management"
- #9 on page 11 was removed and replaced with #10
- #1 under Fiscal Terms and Conditions on page 11, "Merced" was removed from "County"
- Additionally, the start date has been updated to January 1, 2026 on the first page

This is not an amendment because the original contract was not fully executed due to the Contractor not counter-signing due to the needed edits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SBCBH had one previous contract with MGPC in FY15-18 although no invoice was ever received to pay vendor through county funds.

This is Non-General Fund with G/L# 228.90.2520.1000.630.16

Merced County's Marie Green Psychiatric Center is considered a sole source. San Benito County Behavioral health is specifically seeking MGPC's specialized services. SBCBH has a handful of other inpatient psychiatric hospital services contracts, and need MGPC's inpatient services for clients too to help ensure there are enough beds for clients needs specifically crisis/acute needs clients. With limited resources in and around San Benito County, and with Merced County being one of the neighboring counties, it is helpful and important to have their services readily available as well. Because SBCBH primarily provides services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, SBCBH is mandated by the state through Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide such services regardless of price. The contract is a fee for service agreement so costs are only incurred if services are utilized.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Merced County BH and Recovery Services](#)

San Benito County - Merced MGPC Contract Revised 11.7.25
Merced MGPC Sole Source
Original Contract - Merced County