



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.7

MEETING DATE: 06/24/2025

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Noelle Magner-Figueroa

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Dana Edgull

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - D. EDGULL

Approve the professional services contract with EvalCorp to provide professional and technical consultation services to the Behavioral Health department to support key initiatives throughout Behavioral health including but not limited to meeting County and Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) deadlines for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, for a contract total not to exceed \$629,850.00, and authorize the Chair to sign said agreement.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

In May of 2024 Behavioral Health (BH) department's current consultant notified the County they would no longer be contract with BH. For FY 24-25 BH executed a sole source contract with EvalCorp as a temporary measure. The scope of work was to evaluate the necessary reporting needs of the Behavioral Health Department to meet all of the County's and Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) mandated and reporting deadlines.

In March of 2025 BH released a Request For Proposals (RFP) for a professional services consultant to provide professional and technical consultant services to primarily assist in the planning and implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act (hereafter "BHSA") (Proposition 1, 2024, Senate Bill (SB) 326), in transitioning from the current Mental Health Services Act (hereafter "BHSA") established in 2004. EvalCorp was among the RFP candidates.

BH also needed technical assistance with other areas of focus in order for BH to remain compliant with all legislatively mandated requirements, including Quality Assurance activities, the development of innovative BHSA projects, increased stakeholder involvement, revision of the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Plan, and the development and implementation of initiatives and grants will also be included. With BH previously working with EvalCorp in 2024, BH was familiar with contractor's abilities to provide these needed professional and technical consultant services.

EvalCorp specializes in consulting and research with vast experience working in the fields of mental/behavioral health, substance use, public health, justice as well as other areas. They conduct evaluations, needs assessments, and strategic planning services, and have been providing services for over 20 years across California and nationwide.

On April 29, 2025, BH issued the notice of intent to award EvalCorp with the contract for the BH Planning and Evaluation Consultant.

As the contract details, EvalCorp will work with BH on a multi-year plan to: 1) primarily assist and support BH to transition from MHSA to BHSA; 2) facilitate and provide guidance and data gathering with Community Program Planning Process, BHSA Integrated Plan, and Annual Updates; 3) implement data collection and reporting infrastructure for the Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report (BHOATR); 4) MHSA Data Streamlining and Reporting Support; 5) support the structure and development of a Stakeholder Advisory Group; 6) assist, as needed, in the development of evaluation plans, data collection tools, and/or report development on various initiatives; 7) support BH in meeting Department of Health Care Services quality assurance requirements; 8) review internal departmental reports; and 9) support BH in implementing recommendations from the FY 24-25 Reporting Needs Assessment Initiative.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

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The RFP was done through the county's OpenGov procurement platform. There was a total of 5 organizations including EvalCorp that went through the RFP process including EvalCorp, Health Management Associates, Mission Consulting, RDA Consulting, and Terrance Massey.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

There has been one previous contract with Eval Corp for \$50,000 for FY 24-25.

The scope of work for the previous contract is vastly different than the scope of work that was requested in the RFP. The scope of work was to evaluate the necessary reporting needs of the Behavioral Health Department to meet all of the County's and Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) mandated and reporting deadlines. For FY 24-25 BH executed a sole source contract with EvalCorp as a temporary measure.

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

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

228.90.2520.1000.619.222

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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2. Authorize the Chair to sign said agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

[EvalCorp Contract](#)