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Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Item Number: 2.3

MEETING DATE: 01/13/2026

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Noelle Magner-Figueroa

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Rachel White

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R WHITE

1. Approve retroactive Amendment No. 1 to the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) participant agreement for Interoperability Solution Program for the term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, to add a subscription for the CalMHSA Connex Admission, Discharge, Transfer dashboard and add funding of \$17,200.00 to cover this addition; and
2. Approve retroactive Amendment No. 2 to the California Mental Health Services Authority participant agreement for Interoperability Solution Program for the term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, to add the "Close the Loop Referral" and "Prior Authorization" new modules in the CalMHSA Connex dashboard and add funding in the amount of \$22,500.00 to this agreement to cover this new module and subscription for a total not to exceed cost of \$262,648; and
3. Authorize Chair, County Administrative Officer or designee to sign amendments.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

In January 2024 the Board of Supervisors approved for the Behavioral Health Department (BH) to enter into participation agreements with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to meet the state and federal requirements to allow BH to exchange data via CalMHSA's interoperability and database solution platform referred to as Connex. BH is requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 to this participation agreement to allow BH to stay in compliance with the state and federal requirements. The term of both amendments is from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Amendment No. 1 modifies the scope of service of the original participation agreement by adding a new subscription to the CalMHSA Connex dashboard adding a new module for admission, discharge, transfer (ADT) to the dashboard. This new module is designed to receive, process and display real time and historical ADT message events from approved third-party intermediaries. The addition of this module will have a one-time implementation fee of \$10,000 and an annual subscription fee of \$7,200 requiring the addition of \$17, 200 to the total contract amount.

Amendment No. 2 modifies the scope of services by adding an implementation and subscription services for the CalMHSA Connex dashboard for Closed Loop Referral and Prior Authorization modules. These new services will allow BH to manage end to end referral and authorization workflows electronically and improve care coordination while staying in compliance with state and federal regulations. The addition of these modules will have a onetime implementation and project management fee of \$12,500 and an annual subscription fee of \$10,000 requiring an additional of \$22,500 be added to the contract total amount.

Both Amendments are retroactive to January 1, 2026. The original agreement as well as both amendments are written and issued by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Behavioral Health was not notified by DHCS until December 8th that these two amendments needed to be executed. Due to the County's new policy and procedure, it was not possible to get these two amendments onto the December 16th agenda for Board of Supervisors approval.

The original DHCS interoperability participant agreement had multiple program options. Each county who elected to enter into the interoperability participant agreement was allowed to select what programs they would be involved in. CalMHSA is now issuing amendments to the programs selected in the original agreement to the individual participating counties modifying the scope of work based on new state mandates.

Per CalMHSA the amendments cannot be combined into a single agreement because depending on what programs were initially selected determines what programs must be amended due to the new mandates going into effect as of January 1, 2026. As it varies per county DHCS has opted to issue individual amendments based on the initial program choice.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The original participation agreement was for a 3-year term from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, and had a contract total not to exceed \$222,948.

Year 1 cost of \$139,000 for the period of 1/1/24 through 12/31/24

Year 2 cost of \$40,950 for the period of 1/1/25 through 12/31/25

Year 3 cost of \$42,998 for the period of 1/1/26 through 12/31/26

The approval of the two amendments will add a total of \$39,700 to the year 3 cost increasing the total cost to \$85,698 for year 3.

The total contract not to exceed amount will be increased from \$222,948 to \$262,648 for the term of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.

This contract is paid by non-general funds. It is split between Specialty Mental Health GL string 228.90.2520.1000.619.134 and Substance Use Disorder GL string 230.90.2540.1000.619.134.

No budget adjustment is needed for either amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[BAF- CalMHSA Interoperability Amendments No. 1 & 2](#)
[CalMHSA INT. Amendment No. 1](#)
[CalMHSA INT. Amendment No. 2](#)
[CalMHSA Interoperability Agreement - Original Contract](#)