



SAN BENITO COUNTY AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Item Number: 1.7

MEETING DATE: 05/20/2025

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Noelle Magner-Figueroa

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Dana Edgull

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - D. EDGULL

Approve contract with Aurora Behavioral Health, Santa Rosa, LLC for a fee-for-service hospital contract for acute psychiatric inpatient hospital service for Medi-Cal beneficiaries required by the Department of Health Care Services for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and authorize Chair to sign said agreement.

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 Medi-Caid 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 psychiatric conditions.

This is an emergency service, and the county is contractually obligated through DHCS to provide these services regardless of price. Typically, we do not exceed \$500K for inpatient hospitalization. With CalAIM this price point may change, and the inpatient hospitals usually are in negotiations with the state months after the start of a new fiscal year. This contract does not have a not to exceed amount as it is state mandated for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries. At the December 13, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board approved resolution 2022-150 giving the Behavioral Health Department the ability to pay this contract on a case-by-case emergency approval.

Behavioral Health clients may, at times, require inpatient, acute psychiatric hospital services to meet

their acute care treatment needs. Aurora Behavioral Health is an acute psychiatric hospital that provides services for adults, older adults and adolescents with acute psychiatric needs requiring hospitalization. There is a statewide shortage of available psychiatric hospital beds so the Behavioral Health Department contracts with multiple hospitals to increase the options for psychiatric hospital bed availability. In addition, hospitals can deny admission for an individual, so the Department needs options in case a facility will not accept a patient who needs to be hospitalized.

Clients receive evaluation and authorization to access psychiatric hospital services from Behavioral Health Department clinical staff. Our staff coordinates with the hospital staff (Hazel Hawkins Hospital Emergency Dept.) and physicians to provide the appropriate associated services.

This is a fee for service contract paid by Medi-Cal and other revenues such as 1991 and 2011 Realignment, and it is not paid for via the county general fund.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

There have been 3 previous contracts.

There is no RFP history due to the fact that the type of services provided, and necessary knowledge base needed is extremely industry specific and there would not be enough qualified candidates who would pursue such a bid.

Finding qualified contractors is difficult therefore when SBCBH finds one willing to contract with SBCBH for such specialized services we pursue a contract to allow us to utilize them.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

There have been three previous contracts with Aurora Behavioral Healthcare.

FY 24-25 \$78,725 24 clients served, 7 client short doyle claims. (Current FY)
FY 23-24 \$46,632 14 clients served, 5 client short doyle claims
FY 22-23 \$48,240 4 clients served, 2 client short doyle claims.
FY 21-22 \$71,650 4 clients served, 5 client short doyle claims.

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

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

228.90.2520.1000.630.116

CURRENT FY COST:

\$78,725.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve contract with Aurora Behavioral Health, Santa Rosa, LLC for a fee-for-service for acute psychiatric inpatient hospital service for Medi-Cal beneficiaries required by the Department of Health Care Services for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and

2. Authorize Chair to sign said agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Contract - Aurora Behavioral Health Care FY 25-26](#)