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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

Item Number: 1.1

MEETING DATE: 10/14/2025

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Geraldine Arce

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Dana Edgull

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - D. EDGULL

1. Approve contract with Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' Marie Green Psychiatric Center for the term of November 4, 2025 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; and
 2. Authorize Chair to sign said contract. This is a fee-for-service contract with amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 total for the 2-year 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 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, but is distinct from the rest of BHRS's services due to MGPC's specialty in crisis care. SBCBH 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).

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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 MGPC](#)
[25-27 San Benito County BH - Merced County MGPC Contract](#)
[SBCBH Merced MGPC Sole Source Justification](#)