



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.7

MEETING DATE: 06/10/2025

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Noelle Magner-Figueroa

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Dana Edgull

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - D. EDGULL

Approve contract renewal with Merced Behavioral Center for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, for an array of inpatient and sub-acute psychiatric levels of care in a residential locked Psychiatric Skilled Nursing Facility this is a fee for service contract amount not to exceed \$178,000.00 and authorize Chair to sign said agreement.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

There are times when clients of the Behavioral Health Department may require inpatient, locked psychiatric sub-acute level skilled nursing services as a part of their on-going treatment plan. This facility is located in neighboring Merced County offers access to a higher level of care than can be offered within San Benito County. These services are typically funded with a combination of client's supplemental security income (SSI) benefits and Mental Health realignment funds. The services provided through the Merced Behavioral Health Center are not a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program for beneficiaries between the ages 21-64.

Our County does not have this type of service available in our local community, however; this contract will provide access to a variety of levels of mental health care resources for our served individuals. The Behavioral Health Department was mandated by the Department of Health Care Services in 2020 to add

additional contract providers for residential services to meet the States network adequacy standard for residential care facilities. This is a fee for service agreement.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

There is no RFP/RFQ history. This is due to the fact that the types of services the Contractor provides are a mandate through DHCS and there are limited resources available to provide this level of care.

In addition, the number of beneficiaries that would utilize these services within our county is quite low and contractors find pursuing an RFP/RFQ fiscally unsustainable due to the low numbers.

Finding contractors is difficult therefore when SBCBH finds one willing to be a provider for this specialized service we will generate a contract that will allow us to use their facilities when the need arises.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$89,000

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

There have been 11 previous contracts with this provider.

FY 23-24	\$39,620.80	Estimated # of clients served - 1
FY 22-23	\$136,774.41	Estimated # of clients served - 3
FY 21-22	\$16,75669	Estimated # of clients served - 2
FY 20-21	\$ 0	Estimated # of clients served - 0
FY 19-20	\$19,460.95	Estimated # of clients served - 1

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

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:

\$0

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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2. Authorize Chair to sign said agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

[FY 25-27 Merced Behavioral Center Contract](#)