



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB)
ACTION ITEM - OCTOBER 5, 2023**

AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT, AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS, AMENDMENT TO REFLECT CHANGE TO SERVICES AND INCREASE TO FUNDING, AND EXECUTE THE DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE AND ACCEPT FUNDING

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services provides a comprehensive array of mental health and substance use services to people of all ages. These services are delivered through County-operated programs, as well as contracts with community service providers. Those served include vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health needs.

This action recommends the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize competitive solicitations, single source contract, amendments to extend existing behavioral health services contracts, and an amendment to reflect change to services and increase to funding, to sustain critical behavioral health services, with the goal of building a better behavioral health service delivery system for San Diego County's communities. These recommended actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the behavioral health continuum of care throughout San Diego County. In addition, this action requests approval and authorization for the Clerk of the Board to execute the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of California, upon receipt, to execute subsequent amendments, as required, to reflect revised revenue amounts allocated by the State, and to accept the funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

This action supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically, those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional Live Well San Diego vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by upholding practices that align with community priorities and improving transparency and trust while maintaining good fiscal management.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that BHAB supports the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendation.