



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB)
ACTION ITEM JULY 6, 2023**

**AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS,
AMENDMENT TO EXTEND EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT,
COOPERATIVE AND REVENUE AGREEMENTS**

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 local agencies. Those served include vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions.

Approval of the recommended actions authorizes competitive solicitations, single source contracts, amendments to extend existing behavioral health services contracts, and cooperative and revenue agreements, to sustain critical behavioral health services, with the goal of building a better behavioral health services delivery system for San Diego County communities. Today's recommended actions include the procurement of the new services within the children system of care designed to provide diagnostic and clinical treatment services to children and youth up to 21 years old with specialty mental health needs inclusive of substance use co-occurring needs. These programs support the County's efforts to respond to the need for intensive mental health services by expanding the levels of care available to serve children and youth. These recommended actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care.

These items support 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 improve 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.