



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM JUNE 2, 2022**

### **AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AGREEMENT WITH BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA PROMISE HEALTH PLAN, AND AMENDMENT TO EXTEND AN EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Services department provides a comprehensive array of community-based mental health and substance use disorder services to people of all ages through County-operated facilities and contracts with local public and private agencies to vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions.

Approval of today's recommended actions authorizes competitive solicitations to support critical behavioral health services, approval of the community investment agreement with Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan, and an amendment to extend an existing behavioral health services contract.

Today's action supports the San Diego County Board of Supervisors' Framework for Our Future, by upholding practices that align with community priorities and improve transparency and trust while maintaining good fiscal management of County resources. In addition, today's action supports the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision by ensuring access to services, promoting health and well-being in children, adults, and families, and encouraging self-sufficiency, which together promote a region which is building better health, living safely, and thriving.

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