



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB)  
ACTION ITEM NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

**AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS**

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 today's recommended actions authorizes competitive solicitations and amendments to extend existing behavioral health services contracts, including single source contracts, to sustain critical behavioral health services, with the goal of building a better behavioral health services delivery system for San Diego County communities. 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. Additionally, the programs and services outlined provide critical treatment and housing services to individuals with complex behavioral health conditions, including those who are experiencing homelessness and justice involvement, aligning with the Services, Treatment and Outreach and Emergency/Interim Housing and Resources domains of the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness.

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