



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM - SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORIZATION FOR AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS, EXECUTE REVENUE AGREEMENTS AND AMEND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BOARD LETTER

In a series of actions since 1999, the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) approved initiatives to redesign and implement an expanded continuum of comprehensive behavioral health care for children, adolescents, transition age youth, adults, older adults and families. In pursuit of these initiatives, the Board approved the procurement of various contracted services.

As the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to be evaluated, the County Health and Human Services Agency's Behavioral Health Services remains focused on maintaining continuity of critical mental health and substance use services and serving the most vulnerable individuals and families within our community. Approval of today's recommended actions authorizes amendments to extend existing behavioral health services contracts to maintain continuity of critical behavioral health services in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional recommendations include entering into revenue agreements and amending a Memorandum of Understanding for critical training programs. These recommended actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care in alignment with Board direction.

Recommended actions are as follows:

Contract Extensions

Please see Attachment A of the Board Letter for a list of contracts that will be extended up to June 30, 2022, and up to an additional six months if needed.

Revenue Agreements

1. State of California, Department of Rehabilitation for Employment Services Program, and
2. City of San Diego for the Inebriate Sobering Services and Prosecution and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services Program.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern Counties Regional Partnership and the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency for Workforce, Education and Training.

It is THEREFORE staff's recommendation that your board vote to support the authorizations and approvals needed to advance the recommendations in this Board Letter.