



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 2, 2023

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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SUBJECT: Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 30941 with Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, LLC

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 30941 with Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, LLC to increase the maximum amount of the agreement from \$600,000 to \$800,000 for the provision of short-term, inpatient psychiatric services and to modify compensation exhibit B to reflect an increase to the agreement effective upon Board signature through June 30, 2024.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the amendment.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Mental Health branch contracts with Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, LLC (BBHH) in Bakersfield, California, for the provision of 24-hour short-term medically necessary acute psychiatric inpatient care to Tulare County residents as described in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. It is estimated that eighty (80) consumers will benefit from the services provided by BBHH.

Services provided by BBHH include intake assessment, skilled nursing, and mental health rehabilitation counseling in an environment that is conducive to the treatment of mentally disabled persons. These services are designed for consumers who require continuous 24-hour supervision and are expected to benefit from organized therapeutic treatment modalities that promote daily living skills. Therapeutic treatment modalities may include behavioral interventions, quality of life skills, pre-vocational preparation, and

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alternative placement planning. BBHH's treatment program is designed to improve the consumer's mental status and prevent further deterioration of the consumer's functioning.

Tulare County entered into Agreement No. 30941 with BBHH on November 29, 2022. Tulare County is now requesting to amend the agreement to modify the compensation in Exhibit B to reflect an increase in the budget from \$600,000 to \$800,000 for the term of the agreement. The budget increase is needed due to a rise in the number of consumers requiring services.

This agreement did not go out as a Request for Proposal because per Welfare & Institutions Code § 5600, counties are mandated to pay for acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services provided in Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) for Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21 or over 65 years. This agreement fulfills this mandate by providing a fixed bundled rate for Tulare County consumers who receive mandated services at BBHH.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this amendment have been included in the HHSA 001-142-1222 budget, line 7052 medical providers, for Fiscal Years 2022/2023 through 2023/2024, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, with \$400,000 allocated for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and \$400,000 allocated for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$7,365, which is subject to change based on actual utilization. This amendment is funded with Realignment revenue. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that encourages the innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs. This amendment increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing access to 24-hour short-term medically necessary acute psychiatric inpatient care.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Natalie Bolin

Natalie Bolin

Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Amendment