



July 31, 2020

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Board Members,

Retroactive Approval of Community Service Agreements With the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Sow A Seed Community Foundation, for School-Based Interventions for Children and Youth Services, for the Period of August 4, 2020 to June 30, 2021, for a Total Cost not to Exceed \$1,746,845

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Retroactively approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Community Service Agreement with the Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County for School-Based Interventions for Children and Youth Services, for the period of August 4, 2020 to June 30, 2021, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,130,311; and
2. Retroactively approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Community Service Agreement with Sow A Seed Community Foundation for School-Based Interventions for Children and Youth Services, for the period of August 4, 2020 to June 30, 2021, for a total cost not to exceed \$616,534.

Reason for Recommendation

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides a variety of mental health services through community service providers. Services include, but are not limited to, community-based outreach and case management for unserved or underserved communities, temporary and transitional housing services, counseling for children and families and behavioral intervention services.

These Community Service Agreements will provide brief mental health counseling and early intervention services for children and youth who have been impacted by adverse childhood experiences and trauma, have social-emotional or behavioral issues, and/or are at risk of severe emotional disturbance. Program objectives are to offer services in a school-based setting to improve access to treatment and to reduce risk factors and improve protective factors that

promote recovery, improved functional outcomes and avert potential negative outcomes associated with untreated mental health concerns.

School-based intervention services were approved by the Board on January 7, 2020 (B-20-13). Four agencies prepared to offer school-based intervention services during the 2019-2020 academic year, but services were cut short by school closures in March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. These two agencies, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County (CAPC) and Sow A Seed Community Foundation, have initiated discussion with the local school district(s) and are currently prepared to offer mental health services in school-based settings. These agreements have been delayed during the COVID-19 crisis, in order to determine if the community service providers will have access to campuses and students in order to provide the mental health services. Two additional agencies are scheduled to initiate school-based mental health services later in the academic year.

CAPC will offer school-based mental health services to eleven campuses; six schools within the Lincoln Unified School District, two schools within Escalon Unified School District, two schools within the San Joaquin County Office of Education School District, and one school in the Linden Unified School District. The Districts will receive services for an agreement term of eleven months, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,130,311.

Sow A Seed Community Foundation will offer school-based mental health services to six campuses in the Tracy Unified School District. The District will receive services for an agreement term of eleven months, for a total cost not to exceed \$616,534.

Within each agreement, the number of hours spent serving the students from each campus may vary. Agency staff are projected to spend a minimum of 12 hours per week on each campus, however campuses with over 600 students may request additional hours to meet the needs of the campus. The standard funding formula supports in excess of 34,560 minutes of mental health services per school per year, including school breaks.

As a result of COVID-19, services will first be provided in approved telehealth formats, including school platforms or social media platforms, such as Zoom. All utilized electronic formats (video, audio and social media) will be used with appropriate privacy and confidentiality protocols in place, in compliance with all current Medicare/Medi-Cal directives related to telehealth where applicable, and in accordance with BHS and school district protocols.

Retroactive approval is requested due to the recent California order not to open school campuses to begin the academic year 2020-21, due to COVID-19, which impacted the agencies' scope of work for this project.

Fiscal Impact

Funds for these Mental Health Services agreements for 2020-2021 are provided through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The total amount of the recommended action is \$1,746,845. These funds have been included in the approved 2020-2021 Mental Health Services budget, and the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan FY 2020-2023. There is no additional cost to the County General Fund.

Action to Be Taken Following Approval

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, BHS will contract for services with CAPC and Sow A Seed Community Foundation, who will provide school-based mental health services to BHS for 2020-2021.

Very truly yours,

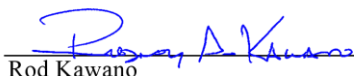


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County Counsel

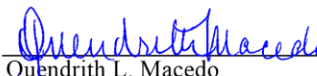
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