



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM
OCTOBER 3, 2024**

AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS, AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND ACCEPTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

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 and contracts with community service providers. Those served include vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions.

These actions recommend the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorize competitive solicitations, single source procurements, amendments to extend existing contracts, and acceptance of Mental Health Student Services Act grant funds from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. These actions aim to sustain critical behavioral health services, with the goal of building a better behavioral health service delivery system for San Diego County communities. The actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the behavioral health continuum of care throughout San Diego County.

These actions support the County 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 improving transparency and trust while maintaining good fiscal management.

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