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DATE: June 25, 2024

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, COMPANION RESIDENTIAL OUTPATIENT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS, AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND APPROVE THE SELECTION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. APPLICATION FOR A DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE PROGRAM IN THE NORTH INLAND REGION AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE SELECTED APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

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 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.

Today's actions recommend the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorize competitive solicitations, single source contracts, companion residential outpatient children's mental health services contracts for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, amendments to extend existing contracts, and approve the selection of the application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to seek Department of Health Care Services licensure to operate a Driving Under the Influence Program in the North Inland region and authorize submission of the selected application to the Department of Health Care Services. 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's communities. Today's actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the behavioral health continuum of care throughout San Diego County.

Today's actions 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

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align with community priorities and improving transparency and trust while maintaining good fiscal management.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for each of the behavioral health services listed below, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
 - a. Assertive Community Treatment Services
 - b. Safe Haven Housing Program
 - c. Inpatient and Residential Patient Advocacy Services
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with the University of California San Diego and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for each of the behavioral health services listed in "a-b" below, for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
 - a. Medical and Consultation Services
 - b. Data Analysis, Performance Monitoring, and Evaluation Services
3. Waive Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and in accordance with Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with Milestone House, Center for Positive Changes, Amali, and [REDACTED], and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award companion residential outpatient children's mental health services contracts for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed, and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service

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requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

4. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, amend the contracts listed below to extend the contract term up to June 30, 2025, and up to an additional six months, if needed; expand services, subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
 - a. Mental Health Systems, Inc. (Contract #560601)
 - b. San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc. (Contract #560730)
5. Approve the selection of the application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to seek Department of Health Care Services licensure and operate a Driving Under the Influence Program in the North Inland region identified through a competitive selection as previously approved by the Board of Supervisors and authorize the submission of the selected application to the Department of Health Care Services.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) serves as the specialty mental health plan for Medi-Cal eligible residents within San Diego County who are experiencing serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance, and the service delivery system for Medi-Cal eligible residents with substance use care needs. An estimated 5% of San Diegans ages 21 years and older have SMI. While SMI is prevalent in all our communities, there are certain groups that have disproportionately high rates of SMI. The 2021 data from the California Department of Healthcare Access and Information indicate that rates of SMI among Black/African American residents were 145% higher compared to others. Additionally, according to the California Health Interview Survey conducted by the University of California Los Angeles in 2022, 9% of San Diegans reported experiencing serious psychological distress in the past month. However, residents living below 200% of the federal poverty level, those who reported a history of incarceration, or who identified as Hispanic/Latino or multiracial, reported higher percentages of serious psychological distress compared to others.

As a steward of public health for the region, BHS must ensure that the services offered through County-operated and contracted programs address the social determinants of health by being accessible, capable of meeting the needs of diverse populations, and with the intent to equitably

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distribute services to those most in need. In doing so, BHS utilizes a population health approach to identify needs and design services in a manner most impactful, equitable, and yield meaningful outcomes for those served. If approved, today’s actions will improve access to treatment and care for populations who are underserved by social and behavioral health resources, including individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, as well as children and youth with complex behavioral health needs.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today’s actions support the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. These will be accomplished by providing a wider availability and range of supportive, inclusive, and stigma-free options to those in need of behavioral health services. Access to a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services will improve the overall health of communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for these requests are included in the Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). If approved, today’s recommendations will result in approximate costs and revenue of \$4.6 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and \$22.9 million in FY 2025-26. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #1: Authorize Competitive Solicitations

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$13.2 million in FY 2025-26. The funding sources are Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Realignment, Short Doyle Medi-Cal, Drug Medi-Cal (DMC), Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant, and American Rescue Plan Act funding. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #2: Authorize Single Source Contracts

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$5.9 million in FY 2025-26. The funding sources are MHSA, Realignment, Short-Doyle Medi-Cal, DMC, and Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act funding. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #3: Authorize Companion Residential Outpatient Children’s Mental Health Services Contracts for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs

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If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$3.4 million in FY 2024-25 and \$3.5 million in FY 2025-26. The funding sources are Realignment and Short-Doyle Medi-Cal. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #4: Authorize Amendments to Extend Existing Contracts

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$0.9 million in FY 2024-25. The funding source is MHSA. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #5: Approve the Selection of the Application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to seek Department of Health Care Services Licensure to Operate a Driving Under the Influence Program in the North Inland Region and Authorize Submission of the Selected Application to the Department of Health Care Services

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$0.3 million in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26. The funding source is Driving Under the Influence program participant fees collected by the providers. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

At their meeting on June 6, 2024, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board voted to [REDACTED] these recommendations.

BACKGROUND

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides a comprehensive array of behavioral health services to vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions. Services are provided through County-operated programs as well as contracts with local public and private agencies. Approval of today’s actions would authorize competitive solicitations, single source contracts, companion residential outpatient children’s mental health services contracts for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, amendments to extend existing contracts, and approve the selection of the application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to seek Department of Health Care Services licensure to operate a Driving Under the Influence program in the North Inland region and authorize submission of the selected application to the Department of Health Care Services. These recommended actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the ongoing transformation of the behavioral health continuum of care throughout San Diego County.

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All contracts are contingent upon the availability of funding, successful negotiations, and determination of a fair and reasonable price.

Recommendation #1: Authorize Competitive Solicitations

a. Assertive Community Treatment Services

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) programs provide intensive multidisciplinary treatment services for clients who are experiencing homelessness, have a serious mental illness (SMI), and whose needs cannot be adequately met through a lower level of care and are deemed in the highest need based on severity of impairment. On June 21, 2016 (9), the Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the procurements of ACT Services countywide for adults stepping down from long term and acute care. On November 14, 2017 (10), the Board authorized the procurement of ACT Services countywide for adults involved in the justice system. On November 7, 2023 (31), the Board authorized a contract term extension of these ACT programs up to June 30, 2025, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

Currently, BHS has 18 ACT programs, three of which are planned to be reprocured in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and the rest of which are planned to be reprocured in the next five years. Services are provided by a multidisciplinary team to include psychiatry, medication management, case management, rehabilitation and support, peer support, co-occurring treatment, supportive employment, and housing support services. ACT services offset costs through a reduction in emergency utilization when assessing client contacts six months after a sustained connection to these services. In FY 2022-23, ACT programs served a total of 3,430 unduplicated clients. Of these clients, 76% maintained or improved their functional status, and 72% maintained or improved their clinical status. Functional status measures how much a client's symptoms hinder them from completing tasks they would like or need to do, while clinical status measures the last time a client had a relapse of symptoms or when their symptoms worsened. Additionally, in 2023, there was a 77% reduction in the utilization of emergency services following ACT participation, from 96 to 22 total contacts, compared to the previous calendar year.

Today's action requests the Board authorize a competitive solicitation for the re-procurement of three ACT programs for an Initial Term of up to one year with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

b. Safe Haven Housing Program

On November 27, 2019, under Administrative Code section 401, the Department of Purchasing and Contracting issued a competitive solicitation for Safe Haven Housing services. Subsequently, on July 13, 2021 (7), the Board authorized an amendment to

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increase the Safe Haven transitional housing capacity with the City of San Diego. The program design includes key harm reduction principles. The Safe Haven Housing program provides transitional housing services for adults experiencing homelessness and who have SMI, or substance use disorder (SUD). Services include individual case management, substance use support, psychiatric services, ACT, outreach services, rehabilitation services, clinical support, employment linkage services, crisis intervention, and recreational activities.

Research shows that providing a stable, consistent housing environment to individuals with SMI or SUD results in positive outcomes, such as the stabilization of symptoms and the ability to acquire employment. Services are provided in the Central and North Central regions in collaboration with the San Diego Housing Commission and the City of San Diego. From October of 2022 to September of 2023, the program served 67 unduplicated clients and reported a total of 3,239 occupied bed days. At discharge, 80% of the clients served reported an improvement in their stages of change assessment. Stages of change assessment involves assessing an individual's readiness to change a particular behavior. It promotes staff's assessment of client's behavior to target interventions.

Today's action requests the Board authorize a competitive solicitation for the re-procurement of the Safe Haven Housing program for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

c. Inpatient and Residential Patient Advocacy Services

On September 25, 2012 (6), the Board authorized the procurement of Inpatient and Residential Patient Advocacy Services program. Subsequently, on March 27, 2018 (2), the Board authorized a contract term extension of this program to implement the Drug-Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) to enhance SUD treatment programs and bolster the County's continuum of care. The Inpatient and Residential Patient Advocacy Services program provides countywide patient advocacy and education on beneficiary rights through grievance and appeal procedures required through Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 438 Subpart F, as well as coordinating Lanterman-Petris Short (LPS) related trainings, hearings, and individual LPS 5150 certifications. The LPS Act is California legislation pertaining to the involuntary civil commitment of persons to a mental health institution. This program resolves grievances, appeals, and State Fair Hearings for the Medi-Cal beneficiaries it serves. The program is also responsible for LPS related stakeholder trainings and coordination of the County's LPS 5150 certification processes.

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In FY 2022-23, the program provided education and/or advocacy services to 3,600 unduplicated clients. Additionally, the program responded to 504 grievances and 45 appeals; attended 549 LPS related hearings for minors and 3,543 LPS related hearings for adults; and provided training to over 3,000 clients and stakeholders. To ensure client and provider satisfaction, clients complete a satisfaction survey to report on their experience. In FY 2022-23, 97% of the 576 clients surveyed and 97% of the 527 providers surveyed indicated satisfaction with the patient advocacy services.

Today's action requests the Board authorize a competitive solicitation for the procurement of Inpatient and Residential Patient Advocacy Services for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

Recommendation #2: Authorize Single Source Contracts

a. Medical and Consultation Services

On April 21, 2021, under Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, the Department of Purchasing and Contracting issued a contract for Medical and Consultation Services with Regents of the University of California San Diego (UCSD). This program provides emergency and inpatient treatment services to adult residents with SMI at the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital. Services include crisis stabilization and psychiatric consultation. The care provided at the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital is a critical component of San Diego County's behavioral health continuum of care.

This program qualifies for a single source contract to provide these services based on the following section of Board Policy A-87 Competitive Procurement: Section 1. D3. The procurement is for services from a provider with unique knowledge, skill, or ability not available from other sources. UCSD provides medical consultation services in the acute psychiatric inpatient setting to adults to stabilize and ensure their safety and the safety of others. UCSD is the primary teaching hospital in the region for psychiatric students and local institution producing psychiatrists. UCSD's Vice Chair of the Psychiatric Department currently performs psychiatric duties under this contract, including medical and strategic consultation, and possesses the necessary specialized skills for this unique position.

Today's action requests the Board authorize a single source contract with UCSD for Medical and Consultation Services for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

b. Data Analysis, Performance Monitoring, and Evaluation Services

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On January 7, 2014 (9), the Board authorized the procurement of Adult and Child Data Analysis, Performance Monitoring, and Evaluation Services. Subsequently, on March 27, 2018 (2), the Board authorized the implementation of the DMC-ODS to improve care for those who are struggling with substance use conditions, to aid the expanded SUD provider network capacity and its local oversight, and to enhance the system-wide care coordination. available to San Diego County residents. The existing contract with UCSD was amended to extend the contract term and continue providing data analysis and performance monitoring for BHS and BHS-contracted service providers.

UCSD provides client and system outcome measures, evaluates all BHS-contracted programs, conducts research and literature reviews, and oversees state mandated quality improvement projects. UCSD is also responsible for the development and management of the Mental Health Outcomes Measurement System (mHOMS), a specialized proprietary data management system widely used by most BHS-contracted service providers to track client outcomes effectively. UCSD will also provide program evaluation services for the new Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Public Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention Program approved by the Board on May 2, 2023, as required by MHSA Innovation funding.

This program qualifies for a single source contract to provide these services based on the following section of Board Policy A-87 Competitive Procurement: Section 1D-6: The procurement is for services where continuity of providers will provide efficiency or critical knowledge, and other providers of the services cannot provide similar efficiencies or critical knowledge. UCSD has specialized behavioral health services research departments, such as the Child and Adolescent Services Research Center and the Health Services Research Center, that have world-class experts in behavioral health, program evaluation, population health, epidemiology, implementation science, clinical care, and service-based research. This expertise, coupled with long-standing partnerships in the field, make UCSD uniquely qualified to provide these services. Additionally, UCSD meets all the requirements of the County to conduct this work and possesses the knowledge of the BHS system and expertise with the development and continued management of mHOMS. Although there are other providers that have experience with establishing data collection systems, none of them are similar to the complexity of mHOMS. Also, the County has already allocated resources to enhance mHOMS to meet new state mandates for client reporting. For a new provider to develop a similar system of this size and depth, would be costly and time consuming. Therefore, continuity of services with UCSD is integral to ensure state regulations are met and seamless evaluation is conducted.

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Today's action requests the Board authorize a single source contract with UCSD for Data Analysis, Performance Monitoring, and Evaluation Services for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

Recommendation #3: Authorize Companion Residential Outpatient Children's Mental Health Services Contracts for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs

On January 24, 2017 (2), the Board authorized the implementation of residential based behavioral health services on the campuses of the State Department of Social Services, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), or designee certified locations. The locations are licensed as 24-hour residential or placement programs to ensure the services are available on an ongoing basis and placements can meet the needs of clients. These programs provide a full range of outpatient diagnostic and treatment services for children and adolescents, ages 12 to 19, and non-minor dependents, those 18 years and older still in foster care services, who are full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).

Residential care programs provide 24-hour treatment for clients or residents who require a higher level of care than what is available in an outpatient setting. STRTPs are selected and contracted by the County Department of Child & Family Well Being (CFWB). CFWB has oversight of these facilities and establishes STRTP contracts for care and supervision while BHS establishes companion contracts for the provision of residential outpatient children's mental health services. Due to the Continuum of Care Reform Act (Assembly Bill 403), which addresses the provision of intensive mental health services to children in California who are in foster care or imminent risk, and the most current DHCS Interim STRTP regulations, clients in STRTPs are required to receive short term intensive treatment on site. On August 7, 2023, the Department of Purchasing and Contracting issued a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) 12698 where STRTP contracts for care and supervision were established with Milestone House, Center for Positive Changes, and Amali. On February 7, 2024, the Department of Purchasing of Contracting issued RFSQ 710 to establish an STRTP on the San Pasqual Academy campus.

These STRTPs provide structured outpatient services to youth to improve their mental health and behavioral functioning to increase self-sufficiency and transition into a less restrictive, community-based or family setting. In FY 2022-23, the County contracted with 10 STRTPs for 148 beds and served 346 unduplicated clients. Among clients who were discharged in FY 2022-23, 76% avoided psychiatric hospitalization or rehospitalization, and 75% were discharged or transitioned to a lower level of care.

Today's action requests the Board waive Board Policy A-87 in accordance with Administrative Code Section 401, and enter into negotiations with Milestone House, Center for Positive Changes,

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Amali, and [REDACTED], for the provision of mental health services, for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

Recommendation #4: Authorize Amendments to Extend Existing Contracts

a. Behavioral Health Continuum of Supported Employment (560601 Mental Health Systems, Inc.)

On November 13, 2018 (12), the Board authorized the procurement of the Behavioral Health Continuum of Supported Employment program. This program provides access to an array of job opportunities to help adults with SMI, as well as those experiencing homelessness, obtain competitive employment. The services include three levels of employment support: individualized placement and support (IPS), apprenticeships, and consumer-owned businesses. The program engages adult clients in contracted mental health programs, who are interested in becoming competitively employed. Services are provided utilizing a comprehensive approach that is community-based, client and family-driven, and culturally competent.

Supported employment has been demonstrated to increase recovery for individuals with SMI. Since the implementation of the Supported Employment Initiative in FY 2014-15 to FY 2022-23, there were 2,433 more individuals in competitive employment, and 1,016 more individuals seeking employment in San Diego County, marking a 53% and 19% increase, respectively. Services are provided countywide. In FY 2022-23, the program served a total of 147 unduplicated clients. Of the 147 clients served, 107 competitive employment placements and three apprenticeships were secured. Additionally, 16 job seekers were assisted in starting their own business, including application development, game creation, and pet grooming.

Today's action requests the Board authorize an extension of the current contract with Mental Health Systems, Inc. for the Behavioral Health Continuum of Supported Employment program up to June 30, 2025, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

b. Supported Employment Technical Assistance Services (560730 San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc.)

On November 13, 2018 (12), the Board authorized the procurement of the Supported Employment Technical Assistance Services program. This program provides technical assistance and consultation for countywide employment development, partnership engagement, and funding opportunities to increase employment opportunities for adults with SMI receiving services through BHS-contracted programs. The program facilitates

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Supported Employment IPS fidelity reviews for contracted providers performing to the IPS model. Services include training and technical assistance for BHS-contracted programs including, but not limited to, ACT Teams, Clubhouses, and County-operated Behavioral Health Clinics.

San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc. serves as a supported employment technical consultant to 38 BHS-contracted programs offering supported employment services. In FY 2022-23, they completed 14 IPS fidelity reviews of BHS-contracted programs. Additionally, they facilitated 10 Work Well meetings to develop and increase opportunities for employment as well as four technical trainings for employment specialists and job developers. San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc. also hosted two employer socials to connect job seekers with employers.

Today's action requests the Board authorize an extension of the current contract with San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc. for Supported Employment Technical Assistance Services up to June 30, 2025, and up to an additional six months, if needed.

Recommendation #5: Approve the Selection of the Application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to seek Department of Health Care Services Licensure to Operate a Driving Under the Influence Program in the North Inland Region and Authorize Submission of the Selected Application to the Department of Health Care Services

On October 19, 1999 (4), the Board authorized the extension of revenue agreements with the existing Driving Under the Influence (DUI) providers to continue each revenue agreement for as long as the contracted provider is licensed by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide DUI program services. The DUI programs are alcohol and other drug education and counseling programs for convicted first and multiple offenders. The programs are State regulated and licensed, and legislatively mandated for persons convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The program goals are to reduce the incidence of DUI, DUI recidivism, and DUI-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities, which are consistent with the Board's emphasis on addressing public health and public safety impacts of substance use and misuse. Under State law, the County is responsible for monitoring the DUI program and ensuring that providers comply with all State licensing requirements and remain fiscally viable, avoiding any lapse in service. The cost of the programs, including the County's role in administering and monitoring revenue agreements with State-licensed providers, is funded entirely by DUI program participant fees collected by the providers. The County may assess an amount not to exceed five percent of gross program revenue per year for the administration and monitoring of the programs per Title 9 Regulations. The current County revenue for the existing three DUI programs is 5% of gross DUI program revenue, approximately \$270,000 annually.

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, COMPANION RESIDENTIAL OUTPATIENT CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS, AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND APPROVE THE SELECTION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. APPLICATION FOR THE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE PROGRAM NORTH INLAND REGION AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE SELECTED APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

On July 18, 2023 (14), the Board authorized the increase of licensed DUI programs in San Diego County from three to four programs, to conduct a competitive selection of a new licensed program to be based in the North Inland region and execute a revenue agreement with the provider of the new program. Implementation of this additional program will improve the availability of DUI program services in the region, as the former program operating in that region ended in 2021. Also approved was authorization to amend the Revenue Agreement, as required, for changes in services and funding, subject to the approval of the HHS Agency Director. HHS’s BHS has conducted a competitive application process and identified the application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to move forward in the Department of Health Care Services licensure process to operate a DUI program in the North Inland region of San Diego County.

Today’s action requests the Board approve the selection of the application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to seek Department of Health Care Services licensure to operate a DUI program in the North Inland region identified through a competitive selection as previously approved by the Board and authorize the submission of the selected application to DHCS.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed actions support the County of San Diego’s 2024-2029 Strategic Plan Initiatives of Equity (Health) and Community (Quality of Life) as well as the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This is accomplished by reducing disparities and disproportionality of individuals with mental health and substance use conditions and ensuring access to a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services administered through accessible behavioral health programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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