

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.63
(ID # 26598)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 03, 2024

FROM : RUHS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Ratify and Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health to enter into County-to-County Agreements for FY 2024/2025 through FY 2028/2029, All Districts. [Not to Exceed \$25,000,000, 100% State Funds](4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health or their designee to enter into County-to-County Agreements with any California County as approved by County Counsel to allow Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) to make and receive reimbursements for consumers receiving mental health services at Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP) with total reimbursement to other Counties not to exceed \$25,000,000 through June 30, 2029;
2. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health or their designee to a) sign amendments to the Agreements, that exercise the options of the agreement including modifications of the statement of work that stay within the intent of the agreement; and b) allocate funds amongst California Counties as necessary while not exceeding \$25,000,000 in reimbursements to other counties through June 30, 2029;
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Orders for goods and/or services rendered under the County-to-County Agreements; and
4. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustments as shown on Schedule A.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required


Matthew Chang, Director 11/18/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: December 3, 2024
xc: RUHS-BH

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% STATE			Budget Adjustment: Yes	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25-28/29	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

RUHS-BH operates a continuum of care system that consists of County-operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of Riverside County.

RUHS-BH provides countywide mental health services to children and youth facing severe emotional and behavioral challenges. These services include therapy, crisis intervention, medication management, intensive care coordination, and specialized assessments, ensuring comprehensive, multi-agency support for young people and their families.

Effective July 1, 2024, Assembly Bill (AB) 1051 changed the conditions and requirements for presumptive transfer when a child or youth is placed in an out-of-county setting. Under this bill, when a youth is placed outside their County of Original Jurisdiction (COJ) in community treatment facilities, group homes, or Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs), the COJ remains responsible for providing, paying for, or arranging specialty mental health services (SMHS). The county the facility is located in is referred to as the County of Residence (COR). Riverside County will need to ensure continuous care and therapeutic services for these youth, regardless of placement location. The COJ is required to establish timely payment provisions within 30 days, through one of the following options, ranked in order of applicability:

1. Utilize an existing contract with the mental health provider; or
2. Establish a new contract with the mental health provider; then
3. If neither of the first two options is available, the COJ may reimburse the COR through a County-to-County Letter of Agreement (LOA).

The County-to-County Agreements will provide a mechanism for Riverside County to both reimburse and receive reimbursement with other counties when a service provider is unwilling to directly contract with the COJ.

Therefore, RUHS-BH requests that the Board of Supervisors ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Health to enter into County-to-County Agreements and approve the County-to-County Agreement Aggregate not to exceed \$25,000,000 for FY 2024/2025 through FY 2028/2029 to meet the service delivery requirements of AB 1051.

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Impact on Citizens and Businesses

These services are a component of Behavioral Health's system of care aimed at improving the health and safety of consumers and the community.

Additional Fiscal Information

Children's Behavioral Health Services are mandated and fully reimbursed by State and Federal funds and no additional County funds are required. The full impact of this change is still being evaluated, therefore RUHS-BH is requesting approval based on anticipated utilization of the County-to-County Agreements.

SCHEDULE A



Increase Appropriations:

10000-4100200000-525440	Professional Services	\$5,000,000
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Increase Revenue:

10000-4100200000-755900	CA-AB118 Local Revenue	\$5,000,000
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 Brett Austin, Supervising Accountant	11/20/2024	 Kimberly Cruz	11/19/2024
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 Meghan Hahn, Director of Procurement	11/19/2024	 Jacqueline Ruiz, Principal Analyst	11/21/2024
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 Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel	11/20/2024
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