



Board Agenda Item 54

DATE: June 20, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Susan Holt, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: Master Agreement with various school districts for office space coordination to deliver mental health services to undeserved and un-served children, youth, and their families.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Master Agreement with various School Districts for the coordination of office space to perform mental health services at various School Districts, effective July 1, 2023, not to exceed five consecutive years, which includes a three-year base contract and two optional one-year extensions (\$0).

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Approval of the recommended action continues the partnership between the County and various Fresno County school districts to increase access to comprehensive mental health treatment services to underserved and un-served children and youth and their families at school sites in Fresno, Clovis and the rural communities of the County. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There are no alternative actions. Should the recommended actions not be approved, there will be an interruption in mental health services for children, youth, and their families within Fresno County School Districts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The recommended agreement allows for continued services for School Districts with service obligations to be performed without payment of any monetary compensation by either County or School Districts.

DISCUSSION:

The recommended agreement allows for the Department of Behavioral Health and contracted providers to continue to provide mental health treatment services at Firebaugh Las Deltas Unified School District, Fowler Unified School District, Kings Canyon Unified School District, Kerman Unified School District, Parlier Unified School District and Selma Unified School District, serving children and youth Kindergarten through high school. Services are provided by the Department's school-based teams as well as the Department's contracted providers. Services to the districts include comprehensive mental health treatment for individuals, group and family therapy services, crisis response, collateral and case management services.

School districts will provide for adequate office space to allow for appropriate services, which ensures child/youth confidentiality, free of disruption, and promotes the safety and well-being of children receiving

services. Referrals and scheduled appointments will be coordinated between the Department's on-site clinician and designated school site coordinator. Services are on a voluntary basis and can be refused by the child's parent/guardian.

The recommended agreement and can be terminated by County, Department of Behavioral Health Director and/or designee or School Districts giving a thirty (30) day advance written notice of an intention to terminate. Upon approval by your Board, the recommended actions will be effective July 1, 2023 .

OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

The Behavioral Health Board was informed of the Master Agreement during the April 19, 2023 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #44, July 10, 2018
BAI #48, May 21, 2013
BAI# 52, October 7, 2008

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Master Agreement

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald W. Alexander, Jr.