



# Board Agenda Item 41

DATE: October 17, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Dawan Utecht, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: Agreement with Alliant International University for Clinical and Field Experience for Students

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with Alliant International University, for clinical and field experience for its students, effective upon execution, not to exceed five consecutive years, which includes a three-year base contract and two optional one-year extensions (\$0).**

Approval of the recommended action will allow clinical psychology doctoral students enrolled in Alliant International University (University) to participate in clinical and field training experience with the Department of Behavioral Health, with no Net County Cost. Participation will be completed without monetary compensation. The University will obtain the requisite insurance for all student interns. The recommended agreement is mutually beneficial, as a portion of the trained students may return to the County as employees.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the County will not benefit from the opportunity of engaging with and training potential future mental health professionals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action or monetary compensation under the recommended agreement.

DISCUSSION:

The County has agreements with a variety of higher education schools to provide clinical and field experience for student interns in the Department of Behavioral Health.

Alliant International University is a regionally accredited university. In order to fulfill the curriculum requirements, students are required to complete an internship practicum, training, or other field placement obligations. The recommended agreement provides an opportunity for clinical psychology doctor students to complete this requirement within the Department of Behavioral Health. Supervision will be provided jointly by University and the Department and training will be provided by University. Student clinical and field experience enhances services for County clients and strengthens recruitment efforts for positions that are traditionally difficult to fill.

There is no cost associated with the recommended action. Upon approval by your Board, the recommended agreement will be effective upon execution through June 30, 2019 and may be extended for two additional 12-month periods, upon the written approval of both parties, no later than 30 days prior to the first day of the next

12-month extension period. Either party may terminate the agreement without cause upon the giving a 30-day advanced written notice of an intention to terminate. Additionally, changes to the addresses to which notices are to be sent may be made with written approval of the Department's Director, or designee, and the University.

OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

The Behavioral Health Board was informed of the recommended agreement at its July 2017 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with Alliant International University

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia De La Rosa