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May 31, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approve the Participation Agreement (No. 1262-BHQIP-2022-AC) with the California Mental Health Services Authority (Principal: Dr. Aime Miller; Location: Rancho Cordova) to act as the administrative agent and support the behavioral health department to meeting the milestones required to complete the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program deliverables for the period of 6/1/22 - 6/30/24 with a not to exceed participation fee of \$157,090;
- B. Adopt a Resolution to waive the County's competitive procurement process for California Mental Health Services Authority as the designee of Department of Health Care Services for the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program;
- C. Delegate authority to the Agency Director or designee to negotiate and execute the Participation Agreement subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel and submit an executed copy to the Clerk of the Board for filing; and
- D. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to issue a warrant requested via Direct Claim in the amount of \$157,090.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY

Under the California implementation of the Federal Medicaid program, known as Medi-Cal, the provision of specialty mental health services and substance use disorder treatment services are delegated to the California counties. California Department of Health Services (DHCS) is working closely with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to ensure success for all Counties for new initiatives under California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). CalMHSA supports all 58 Counties across the State and many counties behavioral health departments have chosen to partner with CalMHSA due to the benefits of this leveraged involvement and knowledge of DHCS' implementation of CalAIM.

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) functions as the Mental Health Plan for specialty mental health services and as the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System for substance use disorder treatment services on behalf of Alameda County. The ACBH contracts with the DHCS require ACBH to deliver an array of inpatient, residential, and outpatient services across all age groups for County residents whose conditions meet criteria for specialty mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment services.

DHCS is implementing CalAIM, which aims to identify and manage comprehensive needs through whole person care approaches and social drivers of health, improve quality outcomes, reduce health disparities, and transform the delivery system through value-based initiatives, modernization, and payment reform and make Medi-Cal a more consistent and seamless system for enrollees to navigate by reducing complexity and increasing flexibility. On April 23, 2013 (Item No. 14) your Board approved the application for Alameda County to join CalMHSA and allowed the ACBH Director to participate as a member to jointly develop and fund initiatives.

The Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP) is an incentive payment program to support county Behavioral Health Plan implementation of CalAIM initiatives. BHQIP focuses on the following three goals: payment reform, behavioral health policy implementation, and bi-directional data exchange between systems of care in an effort to make Medi-Cal a more seamless system. ACBH can earn incentives by achieving certain milestones. CalMHSA will deliver services to support ACBH implement changes under CalAIM including boilerplate language to incorporate new billing requirements, provide an updated utilization management protocol to comply with best practices and updated documentation standards, analyze data to establish performance baseline and support ACBH develop and implement performance improvement projects. Successful completion of the milestones in the BHQIP will earn additional incentives for ACBH.

Your Board's approval of the agreement will enable ACBH to successfully implement the BHQIP. Your Board has previously delegated authority due to the time sensitivity for executing the agreement to meet the deadlines for BHQIP and CalAIM.

SELECTION CRITERIA

CalMHSA is a public entity and exempt from the County's Small, Local and Emerging Business (SLEB) Policy. The Alameda County General Services Agency (GSA) issued a SLEB Waiver No. 8281, with expiration 6/30/24. There is no local organization with the expertise for collaboration with the State and Counties.

CalMHSA is a Joint Powers of Authority (JPA) in which the County of Alameda is a member together with 55 counties, one separate JPA and one city. Its Board of Directors is governed by a body composed of county and city mental/behavioral health directors. CalMHSA has demonstrated their expertise in carrying out their responsibilities in supporting the implementation of the BHQIP.

FINANCING

Funding for this agreement is BHQIP start-up incentive funds requested in the ACBH FY 22-23 Budget. There is no increase in net County cost as a result of your approval.

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VISION 2026 GOAL

The BHQIP with CalMHSA meets the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of the shared vision of a **Thriving and Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director
Health Care Services Agency

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING PROCEDURES FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-2022_____

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Alameda is considering approving a Participation Agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), on June 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is implementing California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal;

WHEREAS, ACBH is participating in the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program to prepare and implement for the changes under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal initiative;

WHEREAS, CalMHSA is a public entity created under authority of the Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) in which the County of Alameda is a member, together with 55 counties and one city. CalMHSA's Board of Directors is governed by a body composed of county and city mental/behavioral health directors;

WHEREAS, the CalMHSA is the only entity with the JPA that serves to function as statewide support to local mental/behavioral health departments; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to retain the administrative and fiduciary services of CalMHSA to implement Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Administrative Code sections 4.12.010, 4.12.020, and 4.12.070 require for expenditures exceeding \$100,000, the solicitation of bids except in unusual cases where the Board of Supervisors ("Board") has, by resolution, found and determined the public interest would not be served by complying with the bid solicitation process; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that CalMHSA has expertise in carrying out its responsibilities and enjoys a unique position with respect to the 55 member counties, and the Board has determined that the public interest would not be served by requiring a bid solicitation process in this situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The findings stated in the recitals to this Resolution are restated in full and adopted by reference.
2. The requirements in Administrative Code Sections 4.12.010 to 4.12.020 for the solicitation of bids are hereby waived for the selection of CalMHSA.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, on June 21, 2022, by the following called vote:

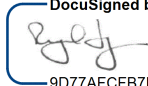
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President of the Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda, State of California

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Donna Ziegler, County Counsel

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Deputy County Counsel