



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 22, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services Department

Subject: Revenue Contract: Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a revenue contract amendment with Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) for the provision of mental health services, including Medi-Cal, Medicare, Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS), and Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) billing and reimbursement, with an Effective Date of July 1, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed revenue contract sets out the conditions under which the City will receive reimbursement for mental health services provided to eligible individuals that are billed through Alameda County to the State of California, and for services funded by Alameda County directly. There is no fixed “not to exceed” amount in the contract because the amount of revenue will fluctuate each year based on the amount of billable services provided. ACBH will charge the City of Berkeley a flat fee of \$100,000 annually for administrative services provided as part of the agreement. The fee is taken out of the City’s reimbursement. Revenue funds will be deposited in revenue budget codes 065-4431-331-4090, 065-4401-331-4045, 065-4445-331.40-88, 065-4406-331.40-86, 065-4455-331.40-89, 065-4431-331.40-87, and 065-4431-331.40-90.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Alameda County and the City of Berkeley are amending a revenue contract covering mental health services performed by the City of Berkeley as part of the Alameda County Behavioral Healthcare Plan. This amendment establishes a new “Effective date” rather than a start and end date, so that the agreement can be considered ongoing and will remain in place if future amendments need to be negotiated.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley has had a contract with Alameda County for mental health services reimbursement since July 1, 2011 as a result of Resolution No. 65,438-N.S., passed by the Berkeley City Council on September 11, 2011. On April 20, 2021, via Resolution No.

69, 796-N.S., City Council approved entering into Contract No. 42100097 to clarify the relationship between the two parties.

In order to streamline the annual contract renewal process with City of Berkeley, the contract has an effective date rather than a specific time period. This is consistent with past practice. If there are updates needed for the contract, negotiated changes will be noted through subsequent amendments. This contract's new Effective Date is July 1, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

There is mutual interest by the City and County in execution of this contract. It ensures that the City's mental health programs will follow applicable regulations and requires the County to provide the City with timely billing and reimbursement.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative action was considered because of the need to maintain this critical relationship with Alameda County for the provision of mental health services by the City of Berkeley.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE CONTRACT: ALAMEDA COUNTY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, Alameda County and the City of Berkeley jointly agreed to create a new contract to clarify the relationship between these two parties. This revenue contract will facilitate the receipt of funding for the mental health services provided by the City's Mental Health Division, including Medi-Cal, Medicare, Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS), and Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (ESPDT) billing and reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, there is mutual interest by the City and County in execution of this contract. The agreement ensures that the City's mental health programs will follow applicable regulations and requires the County to provide the City with timely billing and reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the City utilizes the revenue received to fund a wide variety of mental health programs for residents of Berkeley. ACBH will charge the City of Berkeley a flat fee of \$100,000 annually for administrative services provided as part of the agreement. The revenue received will be deposited into revenue budget codes: 065-4431-331-4090, 065-4401-331-4045, 065-4445-331.40-88, 065-4406-331.40-86, 065-4455-331.40-89, 065-4431-331.40-87, and 065-4431-331.40-90.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute a contract and negotiate any amendments with Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) for mental health services, Effective Date July 1, 2021. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

