



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 20, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Lisa Warhuus, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services
Subject: Revenue Contract: Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract and any amendments 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 for through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed revenue contract sets out the conditions under which the City receives 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 fluctuates 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. Revenues will be deposited into the Health (Short Doyle) fund.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley has had a contract with Alameda County for the provision of mental health services since July 1, 2011. Due to changes that have occurred since the adoption of this 2011 contract, Alameda County and the City of Berkeley jointly agreed to create a new contract between these two entities. This contract clarifies the relationship between these two parties.

BACKGROUND

This contract will replace the previous contract that is in place between COB and ACBH. Resolution No. 65,438-N.S., passed by the Berkeley City Council on September 11, 2011, authorized a contract between the City of Berkeley and Alameda County that has been in place since July 1, 2011. The 2011 contract was put into place after findings by the State Department of Mental Health in its audit of both the City and County Mental Health programs, and after an audit recommendation by the City Auditor in 2008.

The City of Berkeley and Alameda County agreed to develop a new contract due to changes that have occurred since the adoption of the 2011 contract. The changes include the dissolution of the State Department of Mental Health (which is referenced in the 2011 contract), the assumption of oversight responsibilities for mental health services by the Department of Health Care Services, and communications from the Department of Health Care Services to both the City of Berkeley and Alameda County about the responsibilities of both entities. This proposed contract better reflects the roles and obligations of both parties.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Due to changes since 2011, there is a need for a new contract that better represents the roles and responsibilities of Alameda County and City of Berkeley. For this reason, no other action was considered.

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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 Health (Short/Doyle) fund.

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 any amendments with Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) for mental health services through June 30, 2021. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

