



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: June 7, 2022

Subject: Cancellation Agreement #26-602-17 and Contract #26-602-18 with Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. (dba Traditions Behavioral Health)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County, as follows: (1) Cancellation Agreement #26-602-17 with Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. (dba Traditions Behavioral Health), a corporation, effective May 31, 2022; and (2) Contract #26-602-18 with Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. (dba Traditions Behavioral Health), a corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 to provide physician management and psychiatric staffing for the Inpatient Psychiatric Crisis Stabilization Unit at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, the County's Main Detention Facility and Mental Health Clinics, for the period from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this contract will result in annual expenditures of up to \$18,000,000 and will be funded as budgeted by 100% by Hospital Enterprise Fund I revenues. As appropriate, patients and/or third party payors will be billed for services. (Rate increase)

BACKGROUND:

This contractor has provided staffing and medical staff leadership of the Inpatient Psychiatric and Crisis and Stabilization Units, George and Cynthia Miller Wellness Center

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/07/2022** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 7, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Contra Costa Health Centers, the Main Detention Facility and Mental Health Clinics including, but not limited to, providing a required number of psychiatrists necessary for clinical coverage of patients twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, a lead psychiatrist to direct administrative and clinical supervision and supervision of all non-clinical areas related to the medical staff of the Department of Psychiatry, since June 2007.

On January 18, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #26-602-16 with Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. (dba Traditions Behavioral Health), in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 to provide physician management and psychiatric staffing at the Inpatient Psychiatric Crisis Stabilization Unit at CCRMC, Main Detention Facility and Mental Health Clinics, for the period from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.

Due to the contractor's inability

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to retain qualified psychiatrist due to noncompetitive wages and a nationwide shortage of psychiatrists, in accordance with General Conditions Paragraph 5, (Termination) of the contract, the department and contractor have agreed to a mutual cancelation of this contract. Approval of Cancellation Agreement #26-602-17 will accomplish this termination.

Approval of Contract #26-602-18 will allow the contractor to continue providing psychiatric staffing at an increased rate and reduce the administrative overhead costs to balance the psychiatrist rate increase, through May 31, 2023. The contract will continue to be a cost effective option when compared to using contracts with individual psychiatrists and temporary staffing companies.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, the Department would not have adequate psychiatric coverage and quality and performance compliance in the the County's Inpatient Psychiatric and Crisis Stabilization Units at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Health Centers, the County's Main Detention Facility, and Mental Health Clinics.