



# MEMORANDUM

Date: November 7, 2024

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Lester *Jan*  
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information for the November 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting - Agenda Item Nos. 30-33**

Arizona Revised Statute Title 36, Chapter 5, regulates mental health services, including services related to involuntary commitment. Pima County Detainee and Crisis Systems contracts with five providers for the provision of hospital-based psychiatric services to fulfill duties related to Court Ordered Evaluations that are statutorily mandated County expenses. Sonora Behavioral Health, UHS of Tucson, dba Palo Verde Behavioral Health, Connections Southern AZ, LLC, Banner Health, and Banner – University Medical Group are currently under contract with Pima County.

The original contracts for Sonora Behavioral Health, UHS of Tucson, dba Palo Verde Behavioral Health, and Banner Health commenced on October 1, 2021 with initial 3-year terms which expired on September 30, 2024. Connections AZ, LLC and Banner – University Medical Group commenced on October 1, 2022 with initial 2-year terms also expired on September 30, 2024. The five retroactive contract amendments will extend the contract terms for an additional 12 months expiring September 30, 2025 and increase the funding for each provider for the remaining FY24 and the FY25 expenses. Also included in each amendment is an increase in the professional fees referenced in Attachment B-1 of each amendment. Each provider received the same rate increase for professional fees. The amendments are retroactive to October 1, 2024 due to requests from a vendor that created lengthy contract negotiations.

The five contract amendments' will be extended for 12 months and the not-to-exceed dollar amount for each amendment is:

- Sonora Behavioral Health - \$1,500,000.00
- UHS of Tucson LLC, dba Palo Verde Behavioral Health - \$700,000.00
- Connections Southern AZ, LLC - \$75,000.00
- Banner Health - \$889,541.00
- Banner-University Medical Group - \$30,000.00

These anticipated expenditures have been budgeted in the FY24/25 Detainee and Crisis Systems budget.

- c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
- Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer
- Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
- Paula Perrera, Director, Detainee and Crisis Systems

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