



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 12, 2023

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

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information for the October 17, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting - Agenda - #20, 21, 22 and 23**

Arizona Revised Statutes - Title 36, Chapter 5, regulates mental health services, including services related to involuntary commitment. Pima County Behavioral Health (PCBH) contracts with Sonora Behavioral Health, UHS of Tucson LLC, dba Palo Verde Behavioral Health, Banner Health, and Connections Southern AZ, LLC. for the provision of hospital-based psychiatric services to fulfill duties related to Court Ordered Evaluations that are statutorily mandated County expenses.

The original contracts for Sonora Behavioral Health, UHS of Tucson LLC, dba Palo Verde Behavioral Health, and Banner Health commenced on October 1, 2021 with initial 3-year terms expiring September 30, 2024. Connections Southern AZ, LLC. commenced on October 1, 2022 with an initial 2-year term also expiring September 30, 2024. Due to an oversight, the contracts were funded for only one year as opposed to the entire initial three-year term. Connections Southern, AZ, LLC was only funded for the first year of its initial two-year term. Since the original funding in each agreement will not provide adequate funding for those initial contract term periods, each contract requires an amendment to increase the funding for the duration of the initial contract term expiring September 30, 2024.

The amendments under consideration increase funding to provide for remaining FY23 and the FY24 expenses. These amendments amounts for each contract are:

- Sonora Behavioral Health - \$2,053,723.46
- UHS of Tucson LLC, dba Palo Verde Behavioral Health - \$1,724,980.34
- Banner Health - \$3,246,197.89
- Connections Southern AZ, LLC - \$1,300,000.00

The anticipated expenditures are budgeted in the FY23/24 Behavioral Health budget.

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- c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
- Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer
- Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
- Paula Perrera, Director, Pima County Behavioral Health

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