

September 29, 2026

Board of Supervisors
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT 154-2026 WITH KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT AND MODIFY
EXHIBIT G - MAXIMUM FUNDING SCHEDULE
(Fiscal Impact: \$1,351,250, State/Federal; Budgeted; Discretionary)**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requests the approval of Amendment No.1 to MOU Agreement 154-2026 with Kern County Hospital Authority (KCHA), providing physician services, psychiatry training program services, crisis services, corrections services, laboratory services and electroconvulsive therapy services to extend the term of the agreement through December 31, 2026 and modify Exhibit G, Maximum Funding Schedule, to increase compensation to the vendor by \$1,351,250 for a new amount not to exceed \$4,053,750.

MOU Agreement 154-2026 signed on April 28, 2026, Under the terms of this MOU, the Department abide by outlined role and scope within each division of partnership between Kern Medical and BHRS Crisis Services Division, Medical Services Division, Adult System of Care Division, Correctional Behavioral Health, as well as Children's System of Care Division. Services provided include: Psychiatric Physician Services including recruitment and retention for Adult, Child and Addiction services; UCLA Kern Psychiatric Training program facilitation and services for Adult, Child and Addiction services; Crisis Services including inpatient and residential treatment; and Correctional Services including service provision within the Lerdo Jail for the term of April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.

Proposed Amendment No. 1 seeks to extend the term of the agreement through December 31, 2026, and modifies Exhibit G, Maximum Funding Schedule, to increase compensation to the vendor by \$1,351,250, allowing for continued negotiations to enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding.

This agreement has not been assigned to the Request for Proposal (RFP) schedule because the Board granted the Department an exemption from the RFP process in your meeting on March 24, 2026 for hospitalization and long-term care services for mental health clients in FY 2026-27.

This Amendment has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Board approve Amendment No. 1 to agreement 154-2026 with Kern County Hospital Authority (KCHA), to extend the term of the agreement through December 31, 2026 and modify Exhibit G, Maximum Funding Schedule to increase compensation to the vendor by \$1,351,250 for a new amount not to exceed \$4,053,750, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Respectfully submitted,



Alison Burrowes, MA, LCSW
Director

cc: County Administrative Office
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

(COUNTY OF KERN – KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY)

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 is entered into on _____ by and between the County of Kern, a political subdivision of the State of California, as represented by the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Department (hereinafter "County", "BHRS", "Department"), and Kern County Hospital Authority ("KCHA"), a local unit of government, which owns and operates Kern Medical Center ("KMC") whose address is 1700 Mount Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93306.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS:

A. BHRS and KCHA are parties to Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), Agreement Number 154-2026, dated April 28, 2026, entitled Memorandum of Understanding Between Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Kern County Hospital Authority to liaison with KCHA to participate in Physician Services, Psychiatry Training Program, Crisis Services, Correction Services, and STAT Laboratory Services.

B. BHRS and KCHA wish to amend MOU No. 154-2026 to extend the current term to allow for continued negotiations to enter in a new Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 1. TERM, first paragraph shall be deleted in its entirety and shall be superseded by the following:

The term of this MOU shall commence on April 1, 2026 and shall terminate on December 31, 2026.

2. Exhibit "G" Maximum Funding Schedule shall be superseded by Exhibit "G-1" Maximum Funding Schedule to Amendment No. 1, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference. All further references to Exhibit "G" in the body of the MOU, or any exhibits thereto, shall be deemed to read Exhibit "G-1" Maximum Funding Schedule to Amendment No. 1.

3. To the extent that they do not conflict with the terms of this "Amendment No. 1," all other sections and provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. In the event there is any inconsistency between the terms hereof and the Agreement, this "Amendment No. 1" shall control.

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IN WITNESS TO WHICH, each party to this MOU has signed this MOU upon the date indicated, and agrees for itself, its employees, officers, partners, and successors, to be fully bound by all terms and conditions of this MOU.

COUNTY OF KERN:
Board of Supervisors

Kern County Hospital Authority

By: _____
Chairman
"County"

By: Scott Thygerson
Scott Thygerson
Chief Executive Officer
"KCHA"

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT
Behavioral Health and Recovery
Services Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Legal Services Department

By Alison Burrowes
Alison Burrowes, MA, LCSW
Director

By Shannon Hochstein
Shannon Hochstein
Hospital Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the County Counsel

By Kyle W. Holmes
Kyle Holmes
Deputy

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AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE**KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY****EXHIBIT "G-1" – MAXIMUM FUNDING SCHEDULE****April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**

FY 25-26 (04/01/2026-06/30/2026)	FFP	REALIGNMENT	MHSA CSS	MHSA PEI	Total
Psychiatry Training/Physician Costs	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$975,000
Bed Day/TARs	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$100,000
STAT Labs	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$56,250
Electroconvulsive Therapy	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$70,000
Emergency Department Holdover Cost	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$150,000
FY 25-26 Total:	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$1,351,250

FY 26-27 (07/01/2026-12/31/26)	FFP	REALIGNMENT	MHSA CSS	MHSA PEI	Total
Psychiatry Training/Physician Costs	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$975,000
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Bed Day/TARs	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$100,000
AMENDMENT 1					\$100,000
STAT Labs	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$56,250
AMENDMENT 1					\$56,250
Electroconvulsive Therapy	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$70,000
AMENDMENT 1					\$70,000
Emergency Department Holdover Cost	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$150,000
AMENDMENT 1					\$150,000
FY 26-27 Total:	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$2,702,500

FY 25-27 Total Maximum Reimbursement:	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	\$4,053,750
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A. For Electro Convulsive Therapy Services (ECT) reimbursement rates per treatment of ECT services are:

Facility Fee - \$350

Professional Fee - \$150

[END OF AMENDMENT]