

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

May 19, 2020

**FROM**

**VERONICA KELLEY, Director, Department of Behavioral Health**

**SUBJECT**

Memorandum of Understanding with O'Connell Research Inc. for Data Sharing and Analysis Services

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Approve the non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (**County Contract No. 20-286**) with O'Connell Research Inc. to establish the terms and conditions under which the data sharing and analysis services will be provided in support of the Data Driven Recovery Project with Yolo County, for the period of May 19, 2020 through June 30, 2021.  
(Presenter: Veronica Kelley, Director, 388-0801)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Promote the Countywide Vision**

**Improve County Government Operations**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Services Needs of County Residents**

**Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). O'Connell Research Inc. is paid through a separate agreement with Yolo County, and the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has no financial obligation under this agreement.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Statewide, counties are experiencing an increase in the number of individuals in contact with the criminal justice system as a direct result of their behavioral health conditions. Through statewide ballot initiatives, local polls, and stakeholders, Californians have spoken and indicated that they want these individuals to receive treatment, not incarceration. The Data Driven Recovery Project (DDRP) offers counties direct assistance in leveraging their existing behavioral health records with criminal justice entities including jails, courts, and probation to make more specific data driven system design decisions.

On September 24, 2019 (Item No. 11), DBH entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Yolo County in order to participate in DDRP. The DDRP offers an opportunity to utilize Mental Health Services Act innovation funding to identify ways to overcome barriers and increase data linkages across systems. The goal is to determine the number of people in jail with behavioral health needs and the number of those actively receiving behavioral health services at the time of booking.

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Yolo County has an established agreement with O'Connell Research Inc. as a collaborative partner to assist participating counties with the research and data analysis. Data sharing is an essential piece to the success of the DDRP and therefore DBH desires to enter into the recommended MOU with O'Connell Research Inc. to establish the terms and conditions under which DBH would receive these services in the area of County Level Assistance Tools. These services may include, but are not limited to consultation and meetings with leadership and staff, the development of logic models that link system and client outcomes to program design, creation of process maps, development of data dictionaries and programming code, and the development of one new program design or grant application that will serve as a training for staff in how to leverage the work in the project design. DBH will monitor the MOU on a regular basis to ensure standards are met.

**PROCUREMENT**

N/A

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by Behavioral Health Contracts (Ellayna Hoatson, Contracts Supervisor, 388-0858) on April 6, 2020; County Counsel (Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 13, 2020; Finance (Christopher Lange, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on April 23, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on April 29, 2020.

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**APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)**

Moved: Robert A. Lovingood Seconded: Josie Gonzales  
Ayes: Robert A. Lovingood, Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Josie Gonzales

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY  \_\_\_\_\_  
DATED: May 19, 2020



cc: BH- Phillips w/agree  
Contractor- C/O BH w/agree  
File- w/agree  
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