



## Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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### Board Meeting Agenda

Date: November 19, 2025 - 4:00 PM  
Location: Administration Building  
Room 119  
101 Hooper Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Authorizing a one (1) year Competitive Contract extension to Preferred Behavioral Health Group to provide continued Behavioral Health Services, for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026, in the amount of \$286,559.00, with funding contingent upon adoption of the 2026 County Budget. (CC2023-153)

<b>Official Resolution#</b>	<b>2025001668</b>
Meeting Date	11/19/2025
Introduced Date	11/19/2025
Adopted Date	11/19/2025
Agenda Item	I-2
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	CC2023-153
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly		✓					
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓			✓	✓		
Haines	✓		✓		✓		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NJ AT THE MEETING REFERENCED THEREON

*Michelle I. Gunther*

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Clerk Of The Board

**RESOLUTION**

November 19, 2025

**WHEREAS, the COUNTY of OCEAN, has funds available for BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES to support community behavioral health providers in an effort to ensure a robust continuum of care available to the residents of Ocean County who experience mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders; and**

**WHEREAS, on December 20, 2023, the Ocean County Board of Commissioners awarded an Agreement to Preferred Behavioral Health Group, 700 Airport Road, Lakewood, NJ 08701 to provide such services, for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, as more specifically set forth in the Agreement; and**

**WHEREAS, the Agreement was for a one year period and at the successful completion of the one year Agreement, two (2) additional twelve-month periods could be exercised; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mental Health Board has recommended renewal of the contract based on positive monitoring and submission of required reports; and**

**WHEREAS, the Ocean County Department of Human Services desires to utilize the option to extend the Agreement for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and**

**WHEREAS, funds up to the total amount of \$286,559.00 will be appropriated for these services, contingent upon the adoption of the 2026 County Budget, as follows:**

Mental Health Pro – Regular Budget	016-205-5018	\$ 286,559.00
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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:**

- 1.) The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Preferred Behavioral Health Group, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
- 2.) The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute any necessary subsequent and related documents.
- 3.) The contract number CC2023-153 must be placed on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to said agreement.
- 4.) A certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement executed by the parties, shall remain on file and be available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Department of Finance, County Auditor, Department of Human Services, and Preferred Behavioral Health Group.