



## Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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### Board Meeting Agenda

Date: November 5, 2025 - 4:00 PM  
Location: Administration Building  
Room 119  
101 Hooper Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Awarding a one (1) year Contract extension to Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ, Inc. to provide a continued Employee Assistance Program, in an amount not to exceed \$45,600.00, contingent upon adoption of the 2026 Temporary County Budget and the 2026 County Budget, for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026. (CP2024-148)

<b>Official Resolution#</b>	<b>2025001586</b>
Meeting Date	11/05/2025
Introduced Date	11/05/2025
Adopted Date	11/05/2025
Agenda Item	I-11
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	CP2024-148
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 5, 2025

**WHEREAS**, a continued need exists to provide the County of Ocean with an Employee Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Employee Relations publicly solicited proposals for such work in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

**WHEREAS**, an Agreement was awarded to Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ, Inc. to provide such services on the basis of the quality of their proposal for the 2025 calendar year, with an option to extend the Agreement for one (1) additional year; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County's Department of Employee Relations wishes to utilize the option to extend the Agreement for one (1) additional year as stated in Contract number CP2024-148 dated December 18, 2024 with said vendor, Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ, Inc. setting forth terms and conditions as specified in the Proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, partial funding for these services shall be made available upon the adoption of the 2026 Temporary County Budget with the balance to be made available contingent upon adoption of the 2026 County Budget with funding available in account #016-045-4034 in an amount not to exceed \$45,600; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey "Pay-to-Play" law.

**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 and directed to execute an agreement with Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ, Inc., PO BOX 2036, Lakewood, NJ 08701, for the above mentioned services for the 2026 calendar year.
2. This Agreement is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local public Contracts Law.
3. The contract number shall be placed on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to this Agreement.

4. Certified copies 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.
5. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Finance Department; County Auditor; County Counsel; Purchasing Department; Employee Relations Department, and Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ, Inc.