



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: June 22, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Pam Fisher, Psy.D., Acting Director
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Alcohol and Drug Program – Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) FY 21-24 Service Contract Renewal

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Manager

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (not a local vendor), for the provision of substance use disorder services for adult clients, for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$12,600,000**, inclusive of \$4,200,000 for FY 21-22, \$4,200,000 for FY 22-23, and \$4,200,000 for FY 23-24, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024;
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to make immaterial changes to the Agreement per section 26 of the Agreement; reallocate funds between funding sources with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement; adjust the provisional rate with discretion during the term of the Agreement per Exhibit B of the Agreement; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E of the Agreement, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;
- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant

physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part, through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). The above-referenced contract is on the agenda to request approval to enter into an agreement with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Aegis) for FY 21-24, to provide Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for adult clients (age 18 and over) under the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Organized Delivery System (ODS). BeWell also requests delegation of authority to the Director of BeWell or designee to make immaterial changes to the Agreement per section 26 of the Agreement; reallocate funds between funding sources with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement; adjust the provisional rate with discretion during the term of the Agreement per Exhibit B of the Agreement; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E of the Agreement, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Aegis to continue to provide necessary Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services to BeWell clients without a gap in services.

Background:

The Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of BeWell to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (No. 18-95148) with the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to deliver SUD services under the DMC-ODS on October 16, 2018 for FYs 18-21. On November 13, 2018, the Board of Supervisors entered into an agreement with Aegis for the provision of ADP SUD services under the DHCS DMC-ODS pilot program effective December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Aegis has since provided Level 1 Opioid Treatment Program/Narcotic Treatment Program (OTP/NTP) services to adult clients (age 18 and over) who are narcotic dependent. On December 8, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved of the addition of language to allow Aegis to provide opioid treatment free of charge to County Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal clients who are currently enrolled in an OTP and admitted into the County of Santa Barbara Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).

Approval of the renewal of Aegis’ DMC-ODS Board Contract by the Board of Supervisors will allow Aegis to continue to provide necessary OTP services to BeWell clients.

Performance Measures and Outcomes:

Aegis provides outpatient opioid treatment program services to adults in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria for opioid recovery. In FY 20-21, Aegis has provided treatment to an average of 843 clients per quarter. The data for Quarters 1-2 of FY 20-21 shows that Aegis met and exceeded most of their goals for ODS OTP services. In their perinatal program, they served 26 unique clients with 4 discharges.

	Goal	Actual		Average
		Q1	Q2	
Opioid Treatment Program				
Clients initiated treatment	90%	100%	100%	100%
Clients engaged in treatment	85%	100%	100%	100%
Clients retained in treatment (1 year)	30%	55%	59%	57%

Clients successfully completed treatment	25%	13%	66%	39%
Clients decreased incarceration between intake and reassessment <i>(for those in Tx =>6 months)</i>	50%			
Clients abstinent, other than the prescribed narcotic replacement <i>(for those in Tx =>6 months)</i>	75%	77%	80%	78%
Perinatal Program				
Total discharges:		3	1	
Clients abstinent at discharge/drug-free births	100%	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	75%
Clients successfully completed treatment	70%	1 (33%)	0 (0%)	25%

For Program Measure #5 (clients decreased incarceration between intake and reassessment), Aegis has stated it is unable to provide this data because it currently does not have a report that will pull this information. BeWell will work with Aegis to collect and report this data according to American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria.

In the Programmatic report narrative, Aegis stated that they encourage pregnant patients to stay within treatment even after giving birth until the patient is stable and it is an appropriate time for the patient to taper. Typically, the pregnant patients that discharge leave against medical advice.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 21-22 Cost:	FY 22-23 Cost:	FY 23-24 Cost:
General Fund			
State	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
Federal	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000
Grand Total			\$12,600,000

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 21-22 and FY 22-23 Adopted Budgets.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete executed Board Contract and one (1) minute order to bethle@sbcbswell.org and bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC DMC-ODS FY 21-24 Board Contract

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