



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: August 26, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director, Department of Behavioral Wellness
Contact: Melissa Wilkins, MPH, CADC-II, CCPS, Branch Chief of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Department of Behavioral Wellness
SUBJECT: Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Revenue Agreement for Alcohol and Drug Program: Early Intervention Services and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

DS
AN

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a revenue Agreement with Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, for the provision of Alcohol and Drug Program: Early Intervention Services and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services at District schools, with a projected revenue amount of \$46,926.00, for the period of August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors' approval for the Chair to execute a Revenue Agreement with Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (District) for the period of August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Through this Agreement, the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell), will provide an Alcohol and Drug Program to include screening, early intervention services and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) treatment services, to the District's students with the goal of increasing the perception of harm of substance misuse among youth and combatting youth substance use disorders.

Discussion:

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District seeks to continue to offer early intervention, and Substance Misuse Disorder (SUD), treatment services to students in their schools.

Background:

On May 18, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the multi-year agreement with Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Grant Award No. 963-21 for the amount of \$959,895 for the period of May 1, 2021, through October 31, 2024. In November 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved BWell to hire one (1.0 FTE), funded through Grant No. 963-21, for Alcohol and Drug Services Specialists (ADSS) to assist with the development of a Student Assistance Program using the Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model (BRRIM) and to provide prevention and early intervention services in schools (virtually and in-person) with direct linkages to higher levels of care as needed.

On May 3, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the multi-year agreement No. 22-00351 with the Santa Maria Joint Union High School (SMJUHS) District to implement the BRRIM and the Student Assistance Program in schools for the period of April 1, 2022, through April 30, 2024, with each party bearing its own program costs and expenses. The BSCC Grant Award No. 963-21 covered BWell's costs through April 30, 2024, and the Agreement was utilized as a pilot program to guide school-based early intervention services. On December 3, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved and executed a 1-year revenue agreement (BC 24-01190) for BWell to provide the Alcohol and Drug Program early intervention services during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, with the revenue paid by the District.

As part of this Agreement for FY 2025-26 the Alcohol and Drug Program will transition away from the BRRIM planning tool due to compatibility limitations between this tool and County's Electronic Health Record (EHR), and SmartCare, impairing accurate data collection. Instead of BRRIM, BWell will use the Brief Questionnaire for Initial Placement (BQIP) planning tool for screening, which is already integrated within SmartCare. The screening process will remain the same and students will be screened for either early intervention services or SUD treatment services.

Performance Measure:

This contract requires a low level of data sharing from the County to the District and to the District's participating schools. Only designated staff at the schools and District will have access to any data shared by the County. Most data shared will be aggregated data. Non-aggregated data shared will be participant name and disposition of their screening, after a Release of Information is obtained.

Contract Renewals:

This is a renewal of the FY 2024-25 1-year revenue agreement. During the FY 2024-25 revenue agreement, BWell staff provided services to one SMJUHS District high school, screening a total of 17

students; eight of those students were referred to other resources and nine students were served in early intervention and/or treatment services. The students participated in a 10-week group series and received individual counseling sessions, with 89% engaging in services and 60% reporting that they were using drugs and / or alcohol less by the end of the series.

Limited staffing reduced the number of schools in which BWell was able to provide services during FY 2024-25.

Staff have since been hired to accommodate provision of services at three SMJUHS District high schools in FY 2025-26.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26 Revenue Projected
SMJUHSD Funding	\$46,926
Total	\$46,926

The above-referenced revenue agreement is paid by the District. Staffing for this agreement is included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted budget.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the Contract to sahernandez@sbcbswell.org and bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Santa Maria Joint Unified High School District FY 2025-26 Agreement

Contact Information:

Sara Hernandez
Contract Analyst
sahernandez@sbcbswell.org