



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness  
Department No.: 043  
Agenda Date: April 21, 2026  
Placement: Administrative Agenda  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
Department of Behavioral Wellness  
Contact: Melissa Wilkins, MPH, CADC-II, CCPS, Division Chief of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220  
**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to the Services Agreement with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. for Residential Recovery Services and Alcohol and Drug Free Housing for Fiscal Year 2024-27

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**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 First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. (a local vendor) (BC 24-222) update certain standard terms in compliance with state and federal requirements; to update the number of beds from 18 to 22 in the recovery residences program; to update the State Hospitals funding program references, and a resource link; to update the program budget; to add BHBH grant requirements, opioids settlement funding requirements, and Department of State Hospitals (DSH) diversion grant funding requirements; and increase the total maximum contract amount by \$170,050 for a revised, total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$1,089,850 with no change to the contract term of June 30, 2024, through June 30, 2027; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is 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 action is a governmental funding

mechanism and/or fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Chair to execute a first amendment to the agreement for services with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc., to increase the number of beds from 18 to 22 in Stalwart's recovery residences services program, which provides drug and alcohol residential recovery services for individuals eligible for substance use disorder treatment services, who may also be experiencing homelessness and/or are justice involved. To accommodate the increase in services, the total maximum contract amount will increase by \$170,050 for a revised total maximum contract amount of \$1,089,850.

New exhibits have also been added to the agreement, to add grant funding requirements for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) grant, opioid settlement fund, and Department of State Hospital (DSH) diversion program grant.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to continue to provide alcohol and drug-free housing and recovery residence services as well as mental health services for safe and stable housing.

**Discussion:**

This first amendment will increase the number of beds from 18 to 22 in Stalwart's recovery residences services program. Stalwart Clean & Sober provides comprehensive alcohol and drug-free housing, recovery residence services and mental health services through the DSH diversion program for safe and stable housing. The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) has secured funding through the BHBH Program for individuals experiencing homelessness and those who have serious substance use disorders, and/or are justice involved. This funding will cover the total maximum contract amount increase for the provision of the additional beds in the recovery residences services program. The BHBH Program is funded by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The BHBH grant has funds available to provide the room and board to help individuals experiencing homelessness and those with serious substance use disorders.

Additional changes include updating the name of the DSH diversion program from the previously titled AB 1810 Diversion Program and updating the resource link for BWell Standards for Sober Living Environments within the mental health alcohol and drug free housing program.

Approval of this amendment will allow BWell to continue to meet the needs of opioid settlement, DSH diversion program recipients and Medi-Cal members dealing with substance use disorders by increasing access to residential treatment services.

**Background:**

BWell provides a continuum of behavioral health services to Santa Barbara County residents who are Medi-Cal members, in part through contracted providers, including community-based organization (CBOs). Stalwart Clean & Sober provides comprehensive alcohol and drug program (ADP) and mental health services. Stalwart Clean & Sober provides the following ADP supported services: alcohol and drug-free housing, and recovery residences. Additionally, Stalwart also provides mental health services consisting of DSH diversion program services.

On December 17, 2024, BWell entered into an agreement for services with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. (BC 24-222) for alcohol and drug-free housing and recovery residence services with a total cost of \$919,800 for the period of June 30, 2024, through June 30, 2027. Funding was provided for this

agreement through opioid settlement funds, and the DSH diversion program (formerly known as the AB1810 Diversion Program) grant funds.

**Performance Measure:**

The FY 2024-27 agreement contains performance measures to monitor the implementation of the programs. The program goal for this agreement is to provide a safe and sober living environment and support services to its members. Measures to meet this goal can be found in Exhibit E, Program Goals, Outcomes and Measures of the Agreement. New measures have been added as of July 1, 2025, and will be effective upon the execution of this Amendment. These measures include:

1. Members served in recovery residences annually;
2. Member participation in recovery residence coordination;
3. Maintaining sobriety;
4. Acquiring permanent housing;
5. Attaining/maintaining employment; and
6. Successful discharge from recovery residents.

**Performance Outcomes:**

**FY 2024-25:**

Stalwart Clean & Sober served 93 clients and discharged 84 clients in FY 2024-25. Of the clients discharged, 64% were successfully discharged, which exceeded the goal of 50%. Successful discharge is defined by the client maintaining sobriety at the time of discharge. The remaining outcome data for care coordination services for FY 2024-25 is not available due to the transition to new electronic health record (EHR), SmartCare (SmC).

In July 2025, new features were added to SmC to allow for the documentation of care coordination service. Stalwart staff were trained during Q1 to ensure accurate data collection related to the care coordination performance outcomes, using SmC. Data collected during the first quarter (Q1) of FY 2025-26 by BWell’s Research & Evaluation team, served as a test sample and additional feedback was provided to Stalwart staff regarding how to enter care coordination services to ensure accurate data beginning in the second quarter (Q2).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding for this agreement consists of Federal and State funds. Federal funding consists of Substance Use and Prevention Treatment Block Grant (SUBG) funds. State funding consists of Realignment, Opioid Settlement Funds, BHBH Grant, AB1810 Grant, and Department of State Hospitals Grant.

Additional room and board fees will be funded to Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. by the BHBH funds for individuals experiencing homelessness who have serious substance use disorders. The BHBH Program is funded by DHCS. Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) serves as the DHCS administrator for the DHCS BHBH program. BWell submitted a program service plan to AHP and the State to include funding for Room and Board for Stalwart.

Funding for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 were included in the Adopted Budgets. Funding for FY 2026-27 will be included in BWell’s proposed budget but remains contingent on Board approval.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Total</b>
Federal SUBG	\$98,550	\$98,550	\$109,500	<b>\$306,600</b>
Opioid Settlement Funds	\$197,100	\$197,100	\$219,000	<b>\$613,200</b>

Realignment/ BHBH Grant	\$0	\$36,855	\$60,345	<b>\$97,200</b>
AB1810 Grant	\$32,850	\$0	\$0	<b>\$32,850</b>
Dept. of State Hospitals Grant	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$328,500</b>	<b>\$352,505</b>	<b>\$408,845</b>	<b>\$1,089,850</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) copy of the Executed Amendment to Sara Hernandez at [sahernandez@sbcbswell.org](mailto:sahernandez@sbcbswell.org) and to the BWell Contracts Branch at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. FY 2024-27, First Amendment

**Attachment B** – Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. Board Contract FY 2024-27 (BC 24-222), Executed

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