



**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: December 17, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **The Santa Barbara San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority, dba CenCal Health, FY 24–26 CalAIM Incentive Payment Program Funding Agreement for the South County Sobering Center Modular Structure Purchase and Installation**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute on behalf of the County a Program Funding Agreement with the Santa Barbara San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority, dba CenCal Health, for California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) CalAIM Incentive Payment Program grant funds for the purchase and installation of a modular structure for the South County Sobering Center in the amount of a one-time payment of \$700,000, to be disbursed for the period FY 24-26; and
- b) Approve a Budget Revision Request (BJE Number 0010171) (Attachment B) to establish appropriations of \$1,026,000 in the General Services Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Assets funded by transfers in from Behavioral Wellness. Increase appropriations of \$1,026,000 in Behavioral Wellness Alcohol and Drug Programs, to increase Other Financing Uses, funded by PHD Funds Transfer (\$300,000), CenCal State Grant (\$700,000), and Release of Statham Funds (\$26,000); and
- c) Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that 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:

This item is on the agenda to request authorization to accept a grant from the Santa Barbara San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority, dba CenCal Health (CenCal). CenCal, administering on behalf of the California

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is awarding CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP) funds to support the implementation and expansion of Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Support (CS) services for Santa Barbara County Medi-Cal eligible participants. Grant funds will be used for a one-time capital investment to support the Sobering Center facility, located in Santa Barbara and owned by the County of Santa Barbara. Sobering Center services, which are identified as a CenCal CS, are currently provided by Good Samaritan Shelter

Background:

CenCal Health has served the County of Santa Barbara since 1983, is the exclusive Medi-Cal health plan in the county service area, and is currently serving one in four County residents. The CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP) has been made available by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Support (CS) capacity through CenCal Health to support capital investments and infrastructure activities, including sobering centers.

The South County sobering center program, formally named CREDO47 Stabilization Center, was originally developed in 2020 as a component of the Crisis, Recovery, Engagement, Diversion & Outreach, Proposition 47 (CREDO47) program. It was implemented through collaboration between the Department of Behavioral Wellness and the Santa Barbara County Public Defender (as co-leads) in partnership with the District Attorney, Sheriff, and local CBOs, Good Samaritan and Family Service Agency with the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) as the platform for program development. The sobering center diverts individuals who are publicly intoxicated from the criminal justice system and/or the emergency departments and into trauma-informed crisis stabilization with the goal of reducing recidivism and increasing successful re-entry into the community. The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) administers the current CREDO47 program through Proposition 47 Cohort 3 grant funding, which covers a portion of the service delivery through March 1, 2026.

BWell subcontracts with Good Samaritan Shelter to manage the sobering center facility, which includes the provision of short-term sobering and transition services. The sobering center offers a safe place for individuals acutely under the influence of alcohol or drugs who need a supportive intervention. Additionally, it provides temporary placement and assistance for individuals who have been released from custody and are awaiting their next destination and/or for individuals who have been assigned a bed in a residential program within the next few days. The sobering center has ten beds: four for females and six for males. Individuals are referred by law enforcement, Probation, Public Defender, treatment providers, family, and self. Before receiving services, clients must be medically screened to determine their needs and service eligibility (i.e. at least 18 years old, cooperative, ambulatory, medically stable). Individuals can remain at the sobering center for approximately 24 hours, with extensions granted on a case-by-case basis. Services include temporary shelter, substance use education and counseling, medical care, homeless care support services, navigation/warm hand-off for additional substance use services or other health care services as needed, and linkage to ECM. Staff include an Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) counselor, a registered nurse (RN), a recovery assistant, an emergency medical technician (EMT), and a case worker.

Until mid-May 2024, the former Architectural Documents building on the County Calle Real campus was used for the Sobering Center. However, as that building moves towards decommission, a new building is required. IPP funding would allow for Behavioral Wellness to enter into the agreement with General Services for the purchase of a modular structure to continue to provide sobering center services year-round. Additionally, BWell anticipates applying for Prop 1 Bond BHCIP grant funding for a permanent facility at the Calle Real campus in December 2024.

This award of IPP funds for a one-time Capital Investment has resulted in BWell entering into an agreement with County General Services for the purchase and construction of a modular structure (Attachment C), allowing Good Samaritan Shelter to continue to provide Sobering Center Services year-round. The anticipated timeline for expending IPP funds will be within ten months after receipt. Because there is no other sobering center facility located in South County, it is critical that a modular structure is in place to ensure the sustainability of services, including the successful diversion of CenCal members from Cottage Hospital emergency departments and the South County Main Jail. The Sobering Center will be built at the Calle Real Campus, Parking Lot Adjacent to Archives Building, Camino del Remedio Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

Performance Measure:

Performance Measures: Success will be measured through completion of the construction project for the modular structure, allowing for the provision of uninterrupted sobering center services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No; recommend approval of BJE No. 0010171 attached.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund		
CenCal IPP Grant	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00
Opioid Funds	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Court Fees	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
Other:		
Total	\$ 1,026,000.00	\$ 1,026,000.00

Narrative: The total construction project is approximately \$1,026,000, with \$700K coming from the CenCal IPP Grant. The remainder of the funding will come from other non-grant funding sources. Should the board not accept the IPP Grant award, then BWell Alcohol Drug Program would be required to use reserves to fund this project.

Key Contract Risks:

This grant award stipulates that use of IPP Funds must commence within six (6) months of receipt from CenCal, and all IPP Funds shall be expended within twenty-four (24) months of receipt, or County must return remaining IPP Funds to CenCal. Due to construction delays, there could be a delay in both the commencement of funding use as well as expending all funds within twenty-four months. The risk therein is that some or all IPP Funds would need to be returned. This risk is mitigated because County can submit a written extension request to CenCal. In addition, the grant agreement only requires the unused funds be returned.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) Minute Order to Chris Shorb at cshorb@sbcbswell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – CenCal IPP Funding Agreement FY 24-25

Attachment B – BJE No. 0010171

Attachment C – Santa Barbara County General Services Project Charter No. 23038

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