



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: August 20, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, PsyD. Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations,
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness– Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program
Management MAT Access Point Project Grant Agreement, FY 2019-2020

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute the multiyear grant agreement with **Sierra Health Foundation, Center for Health Program Management** (a California nonprofit public benefit corporation) for the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services in support of the MAT Access Point Project in the amount of **\$75,000** for the period of June 1, 2019 to August June 30, 2020 (“MAT Project Grant”);
- B. Approve a Budget Revision Request (BJE #0006527) increasing appropriations of \$75,000 in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Alcohol and Drug Program Fund for \$35,700 for Salaries and Benefits and \$39,300 in Services and Supplies funded by unanticipated revenue from the MAT Project Grant;
- C. Approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute any subsequent reports or amendments that do not change the amount or the substantive terms of the MAT Project Grant, subject to the Board’s authority to rescind this authority at any time; and
- D. 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:

Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code to provide services to individuals with substance use issues in Santa Barbara County. BeWell seeks approval of the recommended actions from the Board of Supervisors (Board) to authorize the BeWell Director or designee to execute a grant agreement with Sierra Health Foundation, Center for Health Program Management (“the Center”) to accept onetime funds to provide MAT services to enhance opioid prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, to authorize the BeWell Director to submit reports and make non-material changes to the grant agreement, and to approve the Budget Revision Request #0006527. Approval of the recommended actions will enable BeWell to expand and enhance the infrastructure for substance abuse services and delivery services throughout Santa Barbara County through August 31, 2020.

Background:

The MAT Access Points Project (“MAT Project”) is part of California’s State Opioid Response Grant Funding, funded through the Department of Health Care Services California MAT Expansion Project and administered by the Center. The MAT Project’s focus is to increase access to MAT, reduce unmet treatment need, and reduce substance use and opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities.

BeWell received notice in July 2019 that its grant application was approved for one-time funding for the MAT Project. BeWell requested funding for the provision of expanding existing MAT capacity and services through community outreach, provider education, assessment, brief interventions, medications and medication management, counseling, referrals, recovery services and equipment purchases, and capital improvement, particularly through the South County Crisis Services, Crisis Stabilization Unit. BeWell is estimated to serve 650 clients through the MAT Project Grant.

The funding will ensure the delivery of MAT facilities’ positive treatment outcomes, safe management of care transition from the CSU and long-term recovery for people with opioid and substance use disorders. A second round of funding will be announced in the Fall 2019.

Performance Measures and Outcomes:

Providers must comply with performance measures and outcomes as set forth in the grant agreement, to be reported on a quarterly basis to the Foundation and will be measured by survey of client satisfaction. Expected outcomes include but are not limited to: provide medication assisted treatment to 100 new clients; introduce 200 new individuals to options of substance use disorder treatment; increase number of overdose withdrawal reversals; and increase the number of individuals receiving co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>FY 19-20 Revenue:</u> | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund | | |
| State | | |
| Federal: MAT Project Grant | \$ | 75,000 |
| Total | \$ | 75,000 |

Narrative: A Budget Revision Request for \$75,000 is necessary to adjust the Alcohol and Drug Program Fund. Approval of the recommended actions will not increase the use of General Fund dollars by BeWell. BWell will sustain the MAT services through realignment from the Behavioral Health Subaccount.

Key Contract Risks:

The MAT Project is a Federal funding program. In the event funding terminates or is not sufficiently appropriated, the grant agreement will terminate without obligation for payment to the County or may be amended with a reduced amount. Even though receipt of grant funding is contingent upon incurring costs associated with the grant, there is the risk that the costs and/or services will be audited and payments disallowed which would result in a repayment to the State. The contract also imposes procedural and reporting requirements implemented by BeWell that could be subject to future audit.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) copy of the minute order to Denise Morales at: dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and a copy to BWellcontractstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Sierra Health Foundation FY 19-20 MAT Project Agreement

Attachment B: Budget Revision Request BJE #0006527

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