



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:** November 16, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Pam Fisher, Psy.D., Acting Director  
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220  
Contact Info: John Doyel, MA, LAADC, ADP Division Chief  
Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-4907  
**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness Alcohol and Drug Program – Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) FY 21-24 First Amendment

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**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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (not a local vendor) to add adolescent services to the Agreement and update the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) rates for Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in accordance with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Information Notice #21-049, with no change to the Maximum Contract Amount of **\$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; 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 is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The above-referenced contract is on the agenda to request approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC to add adolescent services to the Agreement and update the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) rates for Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in accordance with DHCS Behavioral Health Information Notice (IN) #21-024 (issued on August 13, 2021), with no change to the Maximum Contract Amount of \$12,600,000. Additionally, the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) requests delegation of authority to the Director of BWell 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 BWell to expand access to medication-assisted treatment services to adolescent clients (ages 12 through 18).

**Background:**

The Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of BWell to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (No. 18-95148) with the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to deliver Substance Use Disorder (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).

On June 22, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized BWell to renew the Agreement with Aegis Treatment Centers for FY 21-24, to continue the provision of OTP, NTP, and MAT services to adult clients. On October 12, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of BWell to execute the DHCS DMC-ODS Intergovernmental Agreement (No. 21-10034) for the provision of SUD treatment services for FY 21-24.

The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued IN #21-024: "Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) – Expanding Access to Medications for Addiction Treatment" and IN #21-023: "Federal Network Certification Requirements for County Mental Health Plans and drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems" on May 21, 2021, and May 24, 2021, respectively. Both of these Information Notices served to outline NTP requirements for DMC-ODS clients and systems of care. Additionally, on August 13, 2021, DHCS issued IN #21-049 which outlined the DMC State Plan and MAT Reimbursement Rates for FY 2021-22.



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. BWell will work with Aegis to collect and report this data according to American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria.

In their perinatal program, they served an average of 11 clients per quarter with an average of 2 discharges per quarter. They did not meet the two goals listed for this program. 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:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 21-22 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 22-23 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY 23-24 Cost:</u></b>
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 contract and one (1) minute order to [bethle@sbcwell.org](mailto:bethle@sbcwell.org) and [bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Aegis Treatment Centers FY 21-24 First Amendment
- Attachment B: Aegis Treatment Centers FY 21-24 Board Contract executed (BC #21-060)

**Authored by:**

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