



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 7, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director  
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220  
Contact Info: Chris Ribeiro, Chief Financial Officer, 681-5220

**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness State Contract for Alcohol and Drug Program Services,  
FY 2017-2020

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness and/or the Alcohol and Drug Program Manager to execute the multi-year Drug Medi-Cal revenue agreement and subsequent amendments with the State Department of Health Care Services and California State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for substance use disorder services in the amount of \$18,328,260, for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.
- B. 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:**

This multi-year revenue contract allows Behavioral Wellness Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) to receive reimbursement from the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for services the department is mandated to provide to residents of Santa Barbara County. The new three-year contract provides Santa Barbara County's maximum annual allocation for each fiscal year, made up of a combination of State and Federal funding. These funds are already reflected in Behavioral Wellness'

FY 17-18 Adopted Budget, and will be included in future year budgets. Formal Board authorization prior to disbursing funds to the County became a DHCS requirement in 2014. During each fiscal year, the contract is subject to multiple adjustments by State DHCS, based upon funding and actual utilization of services by Santa Barbara County residents. Delegation of authority to the Department Director and Program Manager to sign subsequent amendments issued by the State will allow Behavioral Wellness to accept these State contract adjustments without returning each to the Board.

**Background:**

State DHCS allocates State and Federal revenue to counties for the provision of substance abuse prevention and treatment services. The annual contract maximum of \$6,109,420 for FY 2017-2018 through 2019-2020 is based on the Governor's Preliminary Budget Allocation for FY 17-18. This amount will be revised throughout each year of the three-year term of the contract by State ADP to reconcile funding and actual services provided to Santa Barbara County residents. The total amount that will actually be reimbursed to Behavioral Wellness will depend upon actual services provided to residents.

The FY 17-18 funding allocation of \$6,109,420 provides \$313,784 in State General Funds (DMC Non Perinatal SGF and DMC Perinatal SGF) and \$5,795,636 in Drug Medi-Cal Federal Share (Non Perinatal Federal Share and Perinatal Federal Share). The contract lists the terms and conditions by which State and Federal funding is made available and provides the specific requirements for reimbursement of alcohol and drug prevention treatment services. Behavioral Wellness is mandated by the California Health and Safety Code to provide services to individuals with substance abuse issues in Santa Barbara County; this contract provides Behavioral Wellness and its contracted providers reimbursement for those services.

Approval of the recommended action will authorize Behavioral Wellness ADP Division to receive reimbursement for services provided to individuals with substance abuse issues throughout Santa Barbara County. ADP services delivered through contracted service providers include:

- Outpatient treatment services including individual and group counseling, and youth and family treatment programs;
- Residential detoxification programs that provide a short term living environment to help clients safely withdraw from alcohol and/or other drugs and stabilize clients to achieve abstinence from alcohol or other drugs.
- Perinatal treatment services including individual and group counseling for pregnant and parenting women, transitional living, and perinatal and residential programs services.
- Prevention Programs that provide early intervention, outreach and mentoring services to youth at high risk for developing, or with existing, substance abuse issues. The majority of prevention funding is directed toward Primary Prevention strategies which address the entire population (national, local community, school, and neighborhood) with messages and programs aimed at preventing or delaying the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Approval of the recommended action will enable Behavioral Wellness and its subcontractors to receive reimbursement for services provided to individuals with substance abuse issues throughout Santa Barbara County through June 30, 2020.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 17-18</u></b>	<b><u>FY 18-19</u></b>	<b><u>FY 19-20</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 313,784.00	\$ 313,784.00	\$ 313,784.00
Federal	\$ 5,795,636.00	\$ 5,795,636.00	\$ 5,795,636.00
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,109,420.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,109,420.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,109,420.00</b>

Narrative: This multi-year contract provides preliminary allocations of DMC revenue funds based upon the Governor’s Preliminary Budget for FY 17-18. The annual provisional maximum reimbursement amount of this multi-year will be subject to annual adjustment based on the final State ADP allocation. The FY 17-18 State and Federal revenue anticipated is identified in Behavioral Wellness’ FY 17-18 Adopted Budget, Federal and State Revenues. Approval of the recommended action will not increase the use of General Fund dollars by the Department of Behavioral Wellness.

**Key Contract Risks:**

This contract with the State allocates Federal funds to Behavioral Wellness which are used to fund Alcohol and Drug Program services. This contract passes on to the County the responsibility to repay any audit exception taken by the Federal government, the State or the California State Auditor. The contract also imposes procedural and reporting requirements implemented by Behavioral Wellness that could be subject to audit in the future. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

**Special Instructions:**

Please email one (1) copy of the minute order to [qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

State Contract No. 17-94102 for Alcohol and Drug Program Services FY 2017-2020

**Authored by:**

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