



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: April 21, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Department of Behavioral Wellness
Contact: Serena Cyr, Psy.D., Program Manager
Department of Behavioral Wellness
SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Services Agreement for Crisis, Recovery, Engagement, Diversion & Outreach, Proposition 47 (CREDO47) Research and Evaluation Services for FY 2022-26; First Amendment to the Data Transfer and Use Agreement for the CREDO47 Program for FY 2022-26; Services Agreement with The Regents of the University of California for Justice and Healing Collaborative (JHC) Research and Evaluation Services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-29; and Data Transfer and Use Agreement for the JHC Program for FY 2025-29

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 The Regents of the University of California (BC No. 24-075) to extend the contract term through June 30, 2026, allow for program incentives to be provided to participants, and increase the contract amount by \$115,000 for additional research and evaluation services for the Crisis, Recovery, Engagement, Diversion & Outreach, Proposition 47 (CREDO47) Program (Cohort 3) for a revised, total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$244,337;
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute a First Amendment to the CREDO47 Program (Cohort 3) Data Transfer

and Use Agreement with The Regents of the University of California to include expanded behavioral health service data to answer additional questions related to the target population, with no change to the contract term of September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026;

- c) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with the Regents of the University of California for the provision of University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) research and evaluation services for the Justice and Healing Collaborative (JHC) Program (Cohort 5) under California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Grant Agreement No. BSCC 1416-25 for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$96,100 for the period of October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, (Cohort 5);
 - i. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the JHC Services Agreement for convenience and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Sections 20 and 26 of the Agreement, respectively, without altering the maximum contract amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;
- d) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute a JHC Program (Cohort 5) Data Transfer and Use Agreement with The Regents of the University of California to provide a limited data set for research purposes for the period of October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029; and
- e) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This Board Letter requests the Board of Supervisors provide approval of four (4) items related to programs funded by Proposition 47. This includes two (2) new agreements and two (2) amendments to existing agreements. Together, these four items outline the role of UCSB as the third-party evaluator of the program and allows for the use and transfer of data over the term of the agreements. The project began in Fiscal Year 2022-23, and approval of these items extends the project through FY 2028-29 and adds an additional \$211,100 in funding in programmatic costs.

Discussion:

This Board Letter requests Board of Supervisors' approval of four (4) items related to programs funded by Proposition 47. Proposition 47 aims to reduce prison overcrowding and save state funds by diverting individuals to behavioral health services. The Proposition 47 grants are released on three calendar year (CY) cycles, each cycle is called a "Cohort". Cohort 3, called "CREDO47", spans CY 2023 through 2025, while Cohort 5, called "JHC" spans CY 2026 through 2028. The County did not apply for Cohort 4, as its service period overlapped with those of Cohort 3 and 5. The four items are detailed in numbers 1-4 below.

1. **Cohort 3 First Amendment:** This is the First Amendment to the agreement funded by Proposition 47 referred to as the CREDO47 Program or Cohort 3. Additional funding for UCSB was added because there were unspent grant funds within the 5% amount required for evaluation. BWell subsequently met with stakeholders to identify additional meaningful questions related to the impact of CREDO47 services and to provide insights into how to

better serve the population. Then, in collaboration with UCSB, a plan was developed for expanding the analyses related to the impact of field diversion by law enforcement, impact of peer services on client treatment engagement, re-admissions to the Sobering Center, service engagement and recidivism, and latent class analyses identifying client subpopulations. This amendment allows UCSB to purchase limited participation incentives for participants and extends the term by one month, to June 30, 2026 to allow UCSB additional time, if necessary, to complete the analysis. The cost of incentives and extended term results in an increase of \$115,000 in funding for a total cost of \$244,377.

2. **Cohort 3 Data Transfer and Use First Amendment:** The additional analysis requires an amendment to the Data Transfer and Use Agreement with UCSB for Cohort 3. The amendment will include an expanded set of behavioral health service data that addresses additional questions related to the grant's target population, without changing the Data Transfer and Use Agreement term of September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026. Through this agreement a wider data set of de-identified information will be provided to UCSB to enable analyses per the Cohort 3 First Amendment. Data shared will meet limited data set requirements in accordance with Section 164.514(e)(2) of the HIPAA Privacy Rule.
3. **Cohort 5 Agreement:** This is an agreement for data analysis to evaluate the impact of the Proposition 47 funded Justice and Healing Collaborative Program, also referred to as Cohort 5. The Agreement has a term from October 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029, and is for a total maximum contract amount of \$96,100.
4. **Cohort 5 Data Transfer and Use Agreement:** Through this agreement, UCSB will receive a limited data set of de-identified client information from BWell for the Cohort 5 population for use in program evaluations. This data will meet requirements established in Section 164.514(e)(2) of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. This agreement outlines terms for the use, confidentiality, and secure storage of the data.

Both the **Cohort 3 Amendment** and **Cohort 5 Agreement** are funded through Proposition 47 via separate Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Grants. The grant agreements with the BSCC require a certain percentage of the grant funds to be spent on evaluation and data analysis. In addition, the BSCC recommends external evaluators to perform this evaluation work. Further, using an external evaluator to assess program impact increases the public's trust in the findings of the evaluation. Contracting with UCSB, who has a history of satisfactory grant-funded program evaluation with the County provides a reliable pathway to meeting the BSCC evaluation requirements and recommendations.

Additionally, the amendment adds and the agreement allows for UCSB to purchase limited participation incentives which encourage the client population to provide feedback about their experience in the program. Both agreements stipulate that purchase of participation incentives must be in accordance with the law and the Proposition Grant Administration Guide.

Approval of the recommended actions allows BWell to expand analysis of Cohort 3, as well as provide the BSCC strongly recommended external evaluation for Cohort 5.

Background:

Cohort 3 Amendment: On January 24, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Director of BWell to execute BSCC Prop 47 Grant Agreement No. BSCC 514-22, accepting \$6,000,000

for the County of Santa Barbara for the period of September 1, 2022 through June 1, 2026. The set of services funded by this grant is known as the CREDO47 Program. The group of recipients of the services funded by this grant are known as Cohort 3. Cohort 3 is now approaching completion.

The CREDO47 Program is a partnership between Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (co-lead), Public Defender's Office (co-lead), Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and local community-based organizations including Good Samaritan Shelter and Family Service Agency. CREDO47 diverts individuals with a history of mental illness and/or substance use from the criminal justice system to trauma-informed crisis stabilization and comprehensive mental health and substance use wraparound services, including screening at three points of entry: in the field via Co-Response Team, at the jail during booking, and prior to arraignment. Once diverted, the CREDO47 Stabilization Center provides medical monitoring, sobering services, support transitioning from jail, and assistance transitioning to substance use treatment. Step-Down Housing provides clients with comprehensive case management services, housing assistance, and social services.

As part of the grant requirements, the County was required to spend a percentage of the grant funds on an initial Local Evaluation Plan at the beginning of the grant period, which has already been delivered. In addition, UCSB will deliver a Final Local Evaluation Report at the end of the grant period.

On July 9, 2024 the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the Regents of the University of California, for the provision of UCSB research and evaluation services for the CREDO47 Program under BSCC Grant Agreement No. BSCC 514-22, for a total maximum contract amount of \$129,377 for the period of September 1, 2022, through June 1, 2026 (BC24-075). UCSB has been providing these services throughout the grant term.

Cohort 3 Data Transfer and Use Agreement: Concurrently, the Board of Supervisors approved a Data Transfer and Use Agreement with The Regents of the University of California for use within UCSB's mission of research and public service.

Cohort 5 Agreement: On December 15, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the (BSCC) Prop 47 Grant Agreement (No. BSCC 1416-25), accepting \$8,000,000 for the County of Santa Barbara for the period of October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. The set of services funded by this grant will divert individuals involved in the justice system with mental illness or substance misuse requirements into behavioral health services; and are known as the Justice and Healing Collaborative (JHC) Program. The JHC Program is a partnership between Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness, Public Defender's Office, and local community-based organizations. JHC is different from CREDO47 in that there are only two points of entry. Once diverted, the Sobering Center provides medical monitoring, sobering services, support transitioning from jail and assistance transitioning to substance use treatment. Step-Down Housing provides clients with comprehensive case management services, housing assistance, and social services.

The group of recipients of the services funded by this grant are known as Cohort 5. Similar to Cohort 3, a percentage of the grant funding must be spent on evaluation and data analysis. As stated above, the BSCC recommends a local external evaluator for this evaluation work. UCSB, being local, providing satisfactory service on Cohort 3, and being familiar with the grant requirements and the data involved, has been selected as the provider for the Cohort 5 Agreement.

Cohort 5 Data Transfer and Use Agreement: Similar to Cohort 3, a Data Transfer and Use Agreement will be required to apply to the limited data set provided to UCSB.

Performance Measure:

Cohort 3 First Amendment:

For the purposes of this amendment, the additional analyses that are added to the Final Local Evaluation Report must be completed by June 1, 2026. Analyses will examine the impact of Field Diversion by Law Enforcement, impact of Peer Services on client treatment engagement, re-admissions to Sobering Center, service engagement and recidivism, and latent class analyses identifying client subpopulations.

Cohort 5 Agreement:

In partnership with BWell, UCSB will provide a Local Evaluation Plan by March 15, 2026. Delivered early in the agreement term, the Local Evaluation Plan outlines the main research questions and methodology for analysis as well as the agreed upon timelines.

At the end of the agreement term, UCSB will provide a Final Local Evaluation Report by June 30, 2029 per the Local Evaluation Plan of March 2026. The report will be used to make improvements to current program(s) and guide future program design.

Both Plan and Report will be in accordance with the BSCC Grant Agreement requirements.

There are no performance measures for the Data Transfer and Use Agreements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Cohort 3 First Amendment for research and evaluation services for the CREDO47 Program (including the contract increase) is funded by State grant funding from BSCC. The Proposition 47 CREDO47 expenditures were included in the FY 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 Adopted Budgets.

| Funding Source | FY 2022-23 Through FY 2025-26 | Total |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| State | \$ 244,337 | \$ 244,337 |
| Federal | | |
| Fees | | |
| [Other Source] | | |
| Total | \$ 244,337 | \$ 244,337 |

The Cohort 5 Agreement for research and evaluation services for the JHC Program is funded by State grant funding from BSCC. The Proposition 47 JHC expenditures are included in the fiscal year 2025-26 Adopted Budget and will be included in future budgets.

| Funding Source | FY 2025-26 through FY 2028-29 | Total |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| State | \$96,100 | \$ 96,100 |
| Federal | | |

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| Fees | | |
| [Other Source] | | |
| Total | \$ 96,100 | \$ 96,100 |

There are no fiscal impacts resulting from either Data Use Agreement.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete signed Amendment, one (1) complete signed Agreement, and one (1) Minute Order to Chris Shorb at cshorb@sbcbswell.org and the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – BWell UCSB Prop 47 FY 2025-29 Evaluation Agreement

Attachment B – BWell UCSB Data Transfer and Use Agreement FY 2025--29

Attachment C – BWell UCSB Prop 47 FY 22-26 Evaluation (BC24-075) Amendment 1

Attachment D – BWell UCSB Data Transfer and Use Agreement FY 2022-26 Amendment 1

Attachment E – BWell UCSB Prop 47 FY 22-26 Evaluation Agreement (BC24-075)

Attachment F – BWell UCSB Data Transfer and Use Agreement FY 2022-26

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