



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**For Agenda Of:** June 27, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** PathPoint Substance Use Services Agreement

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**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 consider the following:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with PathPoint for the provision of substance use services for the benefit of patients served in the Public Health Department's Health Care for the Homeless Program in a total amount not to exceed \$49,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (Attachment A).
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of the Public Health Department, or designee, to adjust hours of service as mutually agreed with the Contractor in accordance with Exhibit A of the Agreement.
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act and are exempt per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are a government fiscal activity that does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with PathPoint to facilitate the delivery of substance use services in the County of Santa Barbara. This Agreement will allow the Public Health Department (PHD) to incorporate substance use interventions into existing chronic disease management and case management practices. This service is in line with Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) 330 requirements, specific grant terms, and Health Care for the Homeless Program objectives.

Several departments have current purchasing contracts with PathPoint for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. When combined with other existing contracts for similar services, this Agreement for \$49,000 exceeds the purchasing threshold and therefore requires Board approval.

### **Background**

In 2018, the Public Health Department (PHD) received approval and supplemental funding to expand its level of integrated Behavioral Health Services. These enhanced services delivered through integrated care offer a more collaborative, integrated and seamless process for patients, PHD staff, and community partners. For the purposes of this Agreement, PHD selected PathPoint to facilitate the substance use services because they have a proven success record of supported recovery, crisis prevention and stabilization, homeless prevention, and reduction in higher cost emergency care.

Annual funding of approximately \$74,200 to provide Behavioral Health and Substance Use services is not sufficient to fund an ordinance position that would be needed to achieve service requirements. Therefore, this Agreement includes up to 25 hours per week of substance use outreach services for screening and referral in locations serving people who are experiencing homelessness.

The target population for behavioral health treatment offered through this Agreement will be people who are homeless with untreated substance use addictions. Working with our contracted addiction recovery specialists, patients will be screened and offered the appropriate interventions.

### **Performance Measures**

PathPoint provides Substance Use Outreach Services provided as outreach to homeless individuals. Performance measures are included in the Scope of Work of the PathPoint Agreement and are monitored by program staff.

### **Performance Outcomes**

Data reports are due monthly following provision of services. The data reports include: Month of Service; Contract number; Number of unique patients served; Number of encounters; Demographic information; and Type of primary addictions (alcohol or other substances).

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts**

Budgeted: Yes

### **Fiscal Analysis:**

Approving and authorizing the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services with PathPoint will allow this organization to continue to provide behavioral health and substance abuse treatment in the community. This Agreement is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Community Health Centers federal grant. This is an ongoing federally funded grant Agreement.

This Agreement is supported by the HRSA of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$49,000 and is 100 percent funded by HRSA. The contents of this Board Letter are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS, or the U.S. Government. For more information, please visit [HRSA.gov](https://www.hrsa.gov).

### **Key Contract Risks:**

This Agreement was assessed to be in a low risk category due to:

1. The relatively small dollar amount and short Agreement term;

2. PathPoint has demonstrated good performance with the PHD and other Santa Barbara County departments;
3. Program staff will regularly assess performance to determine if services are adequately provided; and,
4. The Agreement has a termination for convenience clause.

The PHD will continue to monitor this Agreement for any risks and in accordance with County policy.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
0

**FTEs:**  
0

**Special Instructions:**

Please execute two (2) copies of the PathPoint Substance Use Agreement and return one (1) copy with the electronic minute order to PHDGROUPEContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

**Attachments:**

- A. PathPoint Substance Use Services Agreement

**Authored by:**

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