



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: July 1, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Department of Behavioral Wellness
Contact Info: Chris Ribeiro, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer
Department of Behavioral Wellness
SUBJECT: Agreement with Central Coast Headway, Inc. for Driving-Under-the-Influence (DUI)
Program Administrative Agency Services for Fiscal Year 2025-28

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 and authorize the Chair to execute a Revenue Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Central Coast Headway, Inc.** (a local vendor) for the provision of Driving-Under-the-Influence (DUI) program services pursuant to Title 9 Section 11937.6 9801.5. with a projected total revenue of **\$111,000** (\$37,000 annually) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028;
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to (i) suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience as provided in Section 20 of the Agreement; and (ii) make immaterial changes to the Agreement as provided in Section 26 of the Agreement; all without requiring the Board of Supervisors' approval of an amendment of the contracts, subject to the Board of Supervisors' ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- c) 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), finding that the actions are governmental funding

mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The above-referenced item is on the agenda to request Board of Supervisors' approval for the Chair to execute the multiyear revenue Agreement with Central Coast Headway for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell), Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) is the Administrative agency, providing monitoring activities for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Drug Diversion Programs, which includes DUI programs in Santa Barbara County. Approval of the above-listed contract will allow for a mechanism for reimbursement to BWell for the continued provision of the required monitoring activities of this mandated program service.

Background:

As the Administrative agency in Santa Barbara County for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) DUI Drug Diversion Programs, BWell is responsible for monitoring these programs to ensure the implementation of the programs in compliance with regulations. In Santa Barbara County, the DUI is provided by local community-based organizations, with DUI programs being licensed by DHCS. BWell is responsible for notifying DHCS if it is determined that a DUI provider is not in compliance with regulations.

DUI Programs: DUI programs provide alcohol and drug education and counseling services. Under Vehicle Code section 23103.5 subdivision (e) or (f), the court shall order defendants on probation for a conviction of driving under the influence to enroll in an alcohol and drug education program (DUI programs), licensed under Health & Safety Code 11836; DUI programs serve to assist any California resident in restoring his/her driving privileges following a conviction for driving under the influence. Clients required to enroll and complete a state-licensed DUI program are referred by the courts. Programs offered vary in level and are commensurate to the level of offense.

Central Coast Headway (CCH) has provided DUI services, with locations in Lompoc and Santa Maria, as a DHCS-licensed DUI provider since 2006. CCH offers the Wet Reckless Program, a program for 18-20-year-olds, and three, six, nine, and 18-month programs. BWell receives a fee of \$30 per client enrolled in the DUI program. The anticipated annual revenue to BWell from the DUI program is estimated to be \$37,000.

Performance Measure:

BWell has the following administrative role for the DUI program:

- Review any new applications for licensure;
- Provide liaison activities with the courts, County Probation Department, and DUI programs; and
- Develop and ensure the implementation of the programs in compliance with regulations.

BWell has successfully met all of the above performance measures by providing regular administrative monitoring of DUI programs: monitoring every six months at a minimum for DUI programs in accordance with Health and Safety Code (HSC) Division 10.5, Part 2, Chapter 9, and Title 9, California Code (CCR) Division 4, Chapter 3 requirements. BWell has provided all required monitoring documentation to DHCS and will review new applications for licensure when appropriate. BWell communicates any programmatic compliance concerns to licensing analyst at DHCS for consideration for continued licensing.

Additionally, BWell is currently managing grievances and complaints as they are received. Grievances and complaints are reported to DHCS, and BWell is partnering with DHCS to follow-up with grievances

as directed by DHCS. Despite a history of complaints, BWell is required to contract with and monitor all DUI providers that are licensed by DHCS regardless of any active investigations. Therefore, BWell continues to provide liaison activities with all DHCS licensed DUI providers, the courts, and County Probation Department through participation in the County Collaborative Courts.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Central Coast Headway (Santa Maria and Lompoc) – Funding Source	FY 2025-26 Revenue Projected	FY 2026-27 Revenue Projected	FY 2027-28 Revenue Projected	Total Projected Revenue
Fees DUI – Santa Maria	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$87,000
Fees DUI – Lompoc	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$24,000
Total	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$111,000

No funds are expended by BWell as part of this agreement. The anticipated revenue has been included in the FY 2025-26 Budget and will be added to subsequent budgets. The fees payable to BWell depend on the number of clients required to enroll in the PC 1000 and DUI programs. Therefore, the actual revenue could be higher or lower than anticipated in any given year.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, executed copy of the above contract and one (1) Minute Order to drusso@sbcbswell.org and bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Central Coast Headway FY 2025-28 BC Agreement

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