

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 5/21/2006  
**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 6/27/2006  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James L. Broderick, Director  
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services (ADMHS)

**STAFF CONTACT:** Al Rodriguez, Assistant Director, ADMHS - Alcohol and Drug Program  
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**SUBJECT:** Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Contract Amendments/Renewals

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**Recommendations:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and execute a contract amendment for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services with Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc., increasing FY 05-06 DMC funding from \$275,000 to \$400,000;
- b. Approve and execute an agreement for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services with Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$400,000;
- c. Approve and execute a contract amendment for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services with Zona Seca, Inc. (Zona Seca), increasing FY 05-06 DMC funding from \$160,000 to \$200,000;
- d. Approve and execute an agreement for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) services with Zona Seca, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$200,000;
- e. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the contracts, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

ADMHS-ADP continues to refine a system of care that meets the needs of individuals in various communities throughout the County who experience problems with addiction to and misuse of alcohol and other drugs. This system of care is supported by a contracting approach with community-based agencies that allows for maximum flexibility in the provision of services and responsiveness to changing needs. Contracting with local providers also enables the County to manage its position costs effectively while maintaining accountability for key outcomes among vendors and providing technical assistance to vendors to promote continuous improvement.

The proposed amendments for Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc (Good Samaritan) and Zona Seca, Inc (Zona Seca) will supply the necessary funding for the continued reimbursement for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) alcohol and other drug treatment services during FY 05-06. The amendment amounts exceed 10% of the existing contract amounts, which require Board of Supervisors approval. In addition, renewing the contract will allow them to continue to provide similar services during FY 06-07.

Good Samaritan: ADMHS-ADP's current FY 05-06 DMC service contract with Good Samaritan is for \$275,000. ADP proposes amending the existing contract in the amount of \$125,000 for a total FY 05-06 contract of \$400,000. Good Samaritan has experienced an increase in DMC referrals compared to what was originally contemplated by the contract due to Perinatal and drug court programs and has also experienced an increase in co-occurring and Spanish speaking clients. Furthermore, ADP projects Good Samaritan will maintain this trend into FY 06-07 and proposes renewing the contract in the amount of \$400,000, to sustain the level of funding for FY 06-07.

Zona Seca: ADMHS-ADP's current FY 05-06 DMC service contract with Zona Seca is for \$160,000. ADP proposes increasing the existing contract by \$40,000 for a total FY 05-06 contract in the amount of \$200,000. Zona Seca has served additional DMC eligible clients due to increased drug court referrals as well as additional clients diverted from a closed Lompoc treatment provider and is expected to continue this trend. ADP projects Zona Seca will maintain this trend into FY 06-07 and proposes renewing the contract in the amount of \$200,000, to sustain the level of funding for FY 06-07.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs allocates state and federal revenue to counties for the provision of substance abuse prevention and treatment services, and provides reimbursement to counties for such services. In accepting state or federal funds earmarked for alcohol and drug program services, counties are obligated to comply with federal and state laws, regulations, and administrative policies specified as a condition of the receipt of funds. The vendors for which contract amendments/renewals are proposed provide Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) alcohol and other substance abuse treatment services, including individual and group counseling, and related services.

**Performance Measures:**

The requested action is related to the following department performance measures:  
RPM 151: In order to preserve the current level of alcohol and drug program services, ensure adequate funding for ADMHS by increasing the average number of dollars per month billed to Drug Medi-Cal by 20% from \$300,480 to \$360,576.

In addition, throughout the term of these contracts, ADMHS-ADP staff will monitor the vendors' progress toward the following outcomes, providing technical assistance as needed:

1. One-hundred percent (100%) of clients admitted to treatment will be screened for tobacco product use;
2. Eighty-five percent (85%) of clients admitted to treatment will be screened for trauma history;
3. Seventy-five percent (75%) of clients admitted to treatment will complete a minimum of ninety (90) days;
4. Seventy percent (70%) of clients will report no drug use thirty (30) days prior to successful discharge;
5. Forty percent (40%) of clients will successfully complete treatment; and
6. Forty percent (40%) of clients reporting homelessness at admission will have housing at discharge.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The recommended action will not require any General Fund Contribution or have any impact on the General Fund. Revenue that supports the Zona Seca and Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc DMC and DMC-Perinatal treatment services is reflected in the FY 05-06 Recommended Budget, ADP – Treatment Services, p. D-160, due to underutilization of DMC reimbursement by other providers.

Proposed expenditures for the renewed contracts are included in the FY 2006-07 Recommended Budget, ADP – Treatment Services, p. D-158.

The recommended actions will have no facilities impacts.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one fully executed copy of each contract and endorsed minute order to:

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Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services  
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**Concurrences:**

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