



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: July 19, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, Deputy Director
Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220
SUBJECT: Coast Valley FY 16-17 First Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Coast Valley Worship Center DBA Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center** (a local vendor), to increase funding by \$138,217 for the provision of additional substance use disorder services, for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$1,034,122** through June 30, 2017.
- 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 potentially 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.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness Department provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to provide necessary Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOT) non-perinatal services and Outpatient Treatment services for VETS clients at the Coast Valley Substance Abuse Center (Coast Valley).

Background:

Coast Valley provides outpatient treatment services including individual and group counseling and drug testing in Santa Maria and Lompoc. Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) treatment services are provided to Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) beneficiaries, as well as clients referred by the Santa Barbara County Drug Court and the SAMHSA Veterans Entering Treatment Services (VETS) grant.

A gap in Alcohol and Drug Service provider occurred due to the departure of a community based organization in the North County service area on June 30, 2016. Coast Valley has the expertise, capacity and certification to serve an additional 50 clients for IOT services for an additional \$125,000 in ADP funding. With the additional funding of \$13,217 in Outpatient Treatment VETS program, Coast Valley will be able to serve an additional 8-10 clients during the grant period of approximately 4-6 months.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to provide necessary Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOT) non-perinatal services and Outpatient Treatment services for VETS clients with no delays or gaps in service.

Performance Measure:

Coast Valley - Coast Valley provides Outpatient Drug Free (ODF) treatment to youth and adults in Santa Maria and Lompoc, serving an average of 411 adults and 57 adolescents, respectively. As can be seen in the table below, the average successful treatment completion rates were lower than expected in the first two quarters. Lompoc youth and Santa Maria youth programs exceeded the goals for 30+ days in treatment and 90+ days in treatment. The adult programs in both regions approached the outcome targets.

ODF	30+ Days		90+ Days		Successful	
	Goal	Avg	Goal	Avg	Goal	Avg
Lompoc Adult	85%	82%	50%	45%	57%	33%
Lompoc Youth	38%	82%	31%	42%	40%	25.5%
Santa Maria Adult	90%	85%	66%	58%	47%	40.5%
Santa Maria Youth	56%	84%	24%	41%	57%	39.5%

Drug Overdose Prevention Education (DOPE) – Coast Valley is meeting DOPE expectations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 16-17	Annualized On-going Cost:
General Fund		
State	\$ 517,061	\$ 517,061
Federal	\$ 517,061	\$ 517,061
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$ 1,034,122	\$ 1,034,122

Narrative: The above reference contracts are funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2016-2017 Budget. Execution of this contract will not increase the use of general fund dollars by Behavioral Wellness.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. The dollars Behavioral Wellness collects from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) via the State for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries are subject to a complex and lengthy cost settlement process. Behavioral Wellness is required to submit an annual cost report which reports all costs associated with providing mental health services for a given Fiscal Year (actual cost). The actual cost is one component that the State reviews when it performs its “cost settlement” process. In this process, the State settles to the lower of actual cost or Published Charges, which are the fees charged to the general public (as adopted by the contractor’s Board of Directors). The cost settlement process results in a preliminary settlement, which typically takes place two years after the audit. State audits for Medi-Cal funds for specialty mental health services typically occur five years after the end of the fiscal year being audited. To address these risks and to minimize settlement amounts with contract providers, Behavioral Wellness calculates rates for Medi-Cal services provided by organizational providers on a quarterly basis. Regular reports to contractors on unclaimed and denied units allow providers to correct errors and maximize Medi-Cal penetration rates. Even with these measures, there is the risk that the State will disallow units of service or determine costs to be non-allowable, resulting in repayment. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) signature page of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to: admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Coast Valley FY 16-17 Amendment 1 BC
- Attachment B: Coast Valley FY 16-17 BC Contract

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