



**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: December 17, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220
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**SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc., FY 24-27 Services
Agreement for Residential Recovery Housing**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

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 the Agreement with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc., a local vendor, for residential recovery services for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed \$919,800 inclusive of \$328,500 for FY 24-25, \$295,650 for FY 25-26, \$295,650 for FY 26-27 for the period of June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2027, inclusive of \$148,820 for Purchase Order CN8949, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN8949.
- b) Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt services under the Agreement for convenience and make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Sections 20 and 26 of the Agreement, respectively; and update the rate schedule per Exhibit B of the Agreement, all without altering 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; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant 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.

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) requests approval of the FY 24-27 Board Contract Agreement with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. for the provision of drug and alcohol residential recovery services, for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed \$919,800 for the period of June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2027. BWell also requests delegation of authority to the Director of BWell or designee to suspend, delay or interrupt the services under the Agreement, respectively, all 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 the delated authority at any time. Approval of the recommended actions will allow BWell to provide additional housing services in combination with recently approved Opioid Settlement Funds, Drug-Medical Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Outpatient Services (OS), Intensive Outpatient Services (IOS) and DMC-ODS Recovery Services to help clients maintain sobriety by providing a safe, sober living environment.

Background:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services in Santa Barbara County residents, in part, through contracted providers, including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Stalwart Clean & Sober provides comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Program and Mental Health Services. Stalwart Clean & Sober provides the following ADP supportive services: Alcohol and Drug-Free Housing, and Recovery Residences. Additionally, Stalwart also provides Mental Health Services consisting of Assembly Bill 1810 Safe and Stable Housing diversion services.

In May 22, 2007, The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) entered into Agreement with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. (Contractor) for the Contractor to provide Santa Barbara County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health- Alcohol and Drug Program (ADMHS-ADP), with sober living services for men. Services were subsequently provided on an annual basis via Purchase Orders to provide Recovery Residence Services utilized in combination with (DMC-ODS) Outpatient Services (OS) and Intensive Outpatient Services (IOS) to men and women. The current active Purchase Order between the County and Stalwart is CN8949 for the FY 2024-2025, through June 30,2025.

As result of multiple settlements in opioid litigation filed against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies, Santa Barbara County was among the state, local and tribal entities who received Opioid Settlement funds from some defendants. Funds from this settlement were first received within Santa Barbara county in November 2022. Funds must be used for future opioid remediation, defined as "Core Strategies", including prevention, treatment, harm reduction, warm hand-offs, recovery programs, and evidenced-based data collection and research.

On June 18, 2024, the Board approved the use of Opioid Settlement funds to increase the number of Recovery Residence beds for a total of \$600,000 in one-time funding with \$200,000 to be utilized annually for 3 years, for an additional 12 recovery residence (sober living) beds.

BWell currently has an active Purchase Order Agreement with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. (CN8949) for a maximum contract amount of \$148,820 for the period of June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2025. That contract value was based on the expectation that six (6) recovery beds were supplied and funded through existing SUBG funding. However, due to the recent approval by the Board to use Opioid Settlement funding to increase the number of Recovery Residence beds to patients in the County, with additional funding of \$200,000 per year for three (3) years, BWell now requests approval of a Board Contract Agreement with Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$919,800 for the period of June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2027, inclusive of \$148,820 under Purchase Order CN8949, but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, supersedes Purchase Order CN8949.

Performance Goals and Measures:

The Agreement with Stalwart Clean & Sober Inc contains performance measures to monitor program implementation and improve staff proficiency. Exhibit E - Program Goals, Outcomes and Measures of the Agreement details the performance expectations for the Contractor.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>	<u>FY 25-26</u>	<u>FY 26-27</u>	<u>Total FY 23-27</u>
General Fund				\$ -
State				\$ -
Federal	\$ 98,550	\$ 98,550	\$ 98,550	\$ 295,650
Opioid Settlement Funds	\$ 197,100	\$ 197,100	\$ 197,100	\$ 591,300
AB 1810 Grant	\$ 32,850			\$ 32,850
Total	\$ 328,500	\$ 295,650	\$ 295,650	\$ 919,800

Narrative:

The FY 24-27 Agreement is funded by Federal funds, Opioid Settlement Funds, and AB1810 Grant funds. The funding source is included in the FY 24-25 Adopted Budget. For FY 25-26 and FY 26-27, the funds will be included in BWell’s proposed budget but remain contingent on the Board approval.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness’ contracts with providers include language requiring contractor to repay any amount disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risk to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, signed Board Contract and one (1) Minute Order to Sara Hernandez at sahernandez@sbcbbwell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbbwell.org.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Stalwart Clean & Sober, Inc. Board Contract FY 24-27

Attachment B: Stalwart Clean & Sober Inc FY 24-25 CN8949

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