



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: August 18, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Director(s): Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Director
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness –Amendment to Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Service Contracts FY 18-21

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to execute agreements amending the **Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) multi-year agreements** listed below in form and content substantially similar to the DMC-ODS Amendment Template (Attachment A) to comply with Department of Health Care Services requirements and resulting changes in Behavioral Wellness policies and procedures with no change to the maximum contract amounts:
1. Coast Valley Worship Center, Second Amendment FY 18-21 (12/1/2018 - 6/30/2021),
 2. Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara, Inc., Second Amendment FY 18-21 (12/1/2018 - 6/30/2021),
 3. Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Third Amendment FY 18-21 (12/1/2018 - 6/30/2021),
 4. Family Services Agency, Fourth Amendment FY 18-21(12/1/2018 - 6/30/2021), and
 5. Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc., First Amendment FY 18-21(12/1/2018 - 6/30/2021);

- B. Delegate to the Director of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, the authority to make immaterial changes to the agreements as amended and amend the Program Goals, Outcomes, and Measures in Exhibits E of the Agreements without requiring formal amendment thereto and subject to the Board of Supervisor's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. 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 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:

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute amendments to the above-listed DMC-ODS agreements with entities that deliver substance use disorder services to comply with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirements and changes in BWell policies and procedures. These amendments do not change the maximum contract amounts. Approval of the recommended actions will ensure that subcontracts with service providers include required state provisions and updated BWell policies and procedures.

Background:

BWell 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). On October 16, 2018, the Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement No. 18-95148 (FY18-21) between DHCS and BWell to deliver substance use disorder services under the DMC-ODS, effective December 1, 2018. Services are provided by CBOs that are under contract with the County. Periodically, there are changes in state and federal program requirements and BWell policies and procedures. These changes must be incorporated into the CBO service agreements in order to comply with program requirements.

Topics addressed in this Amendment include, but are not limited to:

- Training. Clarifying the training requirements upon hire and annually thereafter and the mandatory training requirements (e.g., DMC-ODS Continuum of Care Training; Motivational Interviewing Training);
- NACT Reporting. Incorporating the NACT (Network Adequacy Certification Tool) requirement that CalOMS County Annual Update Assessments must be completed for clients in treatment for 12 continuous months or more and must be completed no later than 12 months from the admission date. CalOMS is California's data collection and reporting system for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services;
- Maintain Provider Directory. Clarifying that a Contractor shall collaborate with the County to maintain a current provider directory, as required by the Intergovernmental Agreement, Contract Number 18-95148, by providing monthly updates as applicable;
- Outpatient services (OS). Specifying that clients are to receive counseling sessions depending on the client's needs (replaces language that set a minimum of two group counseling (90 min. minimum) per 30-day period);

- Intensive outpatient services (IOS). Indicating that a Contractor shall ensure that each client receives counseling sessions depending on the client's needs and treatment plan or be subject to discharge, as specified in 22 California Code of Regulation Section 51341.1(d). Group counseling sessions shall focus on short-term personal, family, job/school, and other problems and their relationship to substance abuse or a return to substance abuse; and
- Admission Process. Requiring a Contractor to complete a Comprehensive ASAM Assessment within ten (10) business days of request for services. The Medical Director, licensed physician, or LPHA shall evaluate the assessment and intake information through a face-to-face or telehealth meeting with the client or the counselor who conducted the assessment in order to determine medical necessity in compliance with the DMC-ODS Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) 132 (e) and Title 22 Section 51303 and 51341.1.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: There are no budget impacts. The adopted FY 19-20 and 20-21 budget is based on maximum contract amounts, and these amendments do not alter existing contract maximum amounts.

Fiscal Analysis: The amendment does not change the contract maximum amounts.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by state and federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. BWell 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) copy of the Minute Order to Melanie Johnson at mejohanson@sbcbbwell.org and bbwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: DMC-ODS Amendment Template

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