



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**


Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: June 23, 2026
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: Chris Ribeiro, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer
Department of Behavioral Wellness

SUBJECT: Agreement with Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for Driving-Under-the-Influence Program Administrative Agency Services for Fiscal Year 2026-29

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 an Agreement with Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (a local vendor) for Behavioral Wellness' provision of Driving-Under-the-Influence program administrative agency services with a projected total revenue amount of \$7,800 (\$2,600 per fiscal year) for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029;
- b) Delegate 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 to the revenue agreement, 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:

This item is on the agenda to request that the Board of Supervisors renew a multi-year revenue agreement with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) for the provision of the state-authorized 18-month Multiple Offender Driving-Under-the-Influence (DUI) program for a projected total revenue amount of \$7,800 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. 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. BWell has contracted with CADA for ADP services since 1998, and for DUI program services since 2006.

Discussion:

CADA operates a state-authorized DUI program in Santa Barbara, California. It is the only provider within the City of Santa Barbara offering the 18-month Multiple Offenders Program. Under California DUI requirements, individuals convicted of a second or subsequent DUI within 10 years of a prior offense must complete an 18-month Multiple Offender Program. Program requirements include: 52 hours of group counseling; 12 hours of alcohol and drug education; 6 hours of community reentry monitoring; and bi-weekly individual interviews during the first 12 months of the program.

BWell is responsible for the administrative oversight and monitoring of DUI programs, coordinating their implementation, serving as a liaison with the courts, County Probation, and the DUI program, while ensuring compliance with applicable regulations. BWell receives a fee of \$30 per client enrolled in the DUI program from CADA.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow for a mechanism for reimbursement to BWell for the continued provision of the required monitoring activities of this mandated program.

Background:

BWell provides state-authorized DUI program services in Santa Barbara County through local community-based organizations (CBOs). CADA is a CBO who operates a DUI program and provides these services concurrently with two (2) other DUI service providers.

DUI programs provide alcohol and drug education and counseling services. Under Vehicle Code section 23103.5 subdivision (e) or (f), the court orders defendants on probation for a conviction of driving under the influence to enroll in an alcohol and drug education program (DUI programs), licensed under chapter 9 (commencing with Section 11836) of part 2 of division 10.5 of the Health & Safety Code. DUI programs serve to assist any California residents in restoring their 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. BWell certifies the DUI program provider and receives revenue for DUI Program administration as the lead agency.

As a long-standing partner, CADA also provides early intervention, outpatient, and intensive outpatient substance use disorder services for adults and adolescents, as well as operates a residential treatment program which provides monitored residential treatment services to help members withdraw from alcohol and/or other drugs. BWell has contracted with CADA DUI program services since 2006.

BWell’s Performance Measure:

BWell has the following administrative roles for CADA’s DUI program:

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

BWell’s Performance Outcomes:

BWell has successfully met all of the above performance measures by providing regular administrative monitoring of DUI programs: monitoring at least every six months 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 manages 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 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

No funds are expended by the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) as part of this agreement. The anticipated revenue has been included in the FY 2026-27 Budget and will be added to the subsequent budgets. The fees payable to BWell depend on the number of clients who enroll in the DUI program. DUI program fees are set by DHCS based on provider request and justification for agreed upon fee structure. Therefore, the actual revenue could be higher or lower than anticipated in any given year.

BWell receives a fee of \$30 per client enrolled in the DUI program from CADA. The anticipated revenue from the CADA DUI program is estimated at \$2,600 annually.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	Total
Fees DUI	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$7,800
Total	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$7,800

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete, executed Agreement and one (1) Minute Order to sarriaga@sbcowell.org and the BWell Contracts Team at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcowell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – CADA DUI Revenue Agreement FY 2026-29 (signature required)

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