



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: January 28, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, PsyD. Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations,
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness Alcohol and Drug Program – Drug Medi-Cal Organized
Delivery System First Amended Intergovernmental Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness and/or designee to execute the amendment to the **Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Intergovernmental Agreement A01** (No. 18-95148) for the provision of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services effective the date approved by DHCS with no change to the maximum amount of \$53,789,466 for the period of December 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; and
- B. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The above referenced item is on the agenda to request an approval, of the Board of Supervisors (BOS), for the first amendment to the DHCS DMC-ODS Agreement 18-95148 A01, for continued participation in the state Medicaid demonstration waiver for the provision of and delivery of DMC-ODS Substance Use Disorder (SUD) mandated services. This amendment modifies the terms and conditions by revising exhibit language with no change to the maximum contract amount. Approval of the recommended action will

allow Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) to continue to provide mandated services in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

Background:

DHCS allocates State and Federal funding to counties for SUD Treatment Services available to Medi-Cal beneficiaries pursuant to Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act. As part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the state of California DHCS applied for a Medicaid waiver, a Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver, approved August 2015, to expand and enhance the DMC system in this state and to provide a continuum of care.

On October 16, 2018 the BOS approved and authorized BeWell to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement #18-95148 with DHCS to participate in the state Medicaid demonstration waiver and delivery DMC-ODS services for the provision of SUD services. BeWell successfully implemented the ADP DMC-ODS Agreement on December 1, 2018. The DMC-ODS Agreement requires the County to ensure the availability and accessibility of adequate numbers of facilities, service locations, service sites, and professional, allied and supportive personnel to provide medically necessary services, and ensure the authorization of services for urgent conditions.

BeWell is returning to the BOS for the approval of the First Amended agreement made by the State modifying the terms and conditions of the agreement. The changes are shown in bold and underline or deletions displayed as a strike through in Attachment A. If needed, BeWell will return to the BOS for approval to amendments to service provider contracts to ensure compliance with the State modifications.

Performance Measure:

The county participates in providing data and information to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, through an existing contract with DHCS for the DMC-ODS evaluation. The evaluation process, included in the Intergovernmental Agreement, focusses on four key areas of evaluation: (1) access, (2) quality, (3) cost, and (4) integration and coordination of care, to measure and monitor the outcomes from the DMC ODS waiver, which requires quarterly reporting.

The following data elements are incorporated into the external quality review organization (EQRO) protocol, including but not limited to:

- a. Appropriate level of care after referral and assessment;
- b. Number of days to first DMC-ODS service/follow-up appointments at appropriate level of care after referral and assessment;
- c. Existence of a 24/7 telephone access line with prevalent non-English language(s);
- d. Access to DMC-ODS services with translation services in the prevalent non-English language(s);
- e. Number, percentage of denied and time period of authorization requests approved or denied;
- f. Proper placement of clients in treatment levels at any given time; and
- g. Treatment engagement and successful completion of treatment planning.

In addition, the Behavioral Wellness Quality Improvement Committee regularly internally reviews data including, but not limited to patient access, including no-show rates, timeliness of service, transitions from one level of care to another, and successful completion rates. With respect to overdose (OD) services, performance measures include the number of individuals educated about overdose harm reduction, the number of individuals trained to reverse an OD and the actual number of OD reversals or lives saved as a result of the OD Policies & Procedures.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: The rates as set in the DMC-ODS Agreement are expected to be budget neutral.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 2,288,275	\$ 4,575,549	\$ 4,576,549
Federal	\$ 8,469,619	\$ 16,939,237	\$ 16,939,237
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 10,757,894	\$ 21,514,786	\$ 21,515,786
Original Three-Year Total:	\$ 53,788,466		

Narrative: Subject to annual state budget appropriation, DHCS intends to provide payments to participating counties for a state share of the costs for program implementation. We anticipate DHCS’ support to blend and braid funding streams and to allow integration to proceed with reasonable flexibility.

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 include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County. In addition, DHCS added a provision in the amended agreement that the County would abide by network adequacy standards which does not appear to limit their authority to the applicable standards set by statute. This could potentially create an obligation that the County comply with standards that are presently unidentified.

Staffing Impacts:

At this time there is no impact to staffing.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a copy of the Minute Order via email to Denise Morales at dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and a copy to Behavioral Wellness Contracts at bwellcontractstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: DHCS DMC ODS FY 18-21 #18-95148 A01

Attachment B: DHCS DMC ODS FY 18-21 #18-95148

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