



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
Agenda Date: December 3, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Revenue Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Early Intervention Services

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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, ratify, and authorize the Chair or designee to execute the following revenue agreement for providing Alcohol and Drug Program Services to Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (“District”) to continue the Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) Early Intervention / Treatment Services to decrease youth substance misuse through screening, early intervention, and treatment services in schools for the period of November 13, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with the anticipated revenue amount of \$58,696; and
- b) Determine that the above action is a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is 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 that the Board of Supervisors approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair or designee to execute a revenue Agreement with Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (District) for the continuation of screening, early intervention and treatment services in schools to decrease substance misuse among youth. Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to provide services to expand access to Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) services and decrease substance misuse amongst youth in partnership with schools and youth. BWell is requesting a revenue Agreement for FY

2024-25 with District with an anticipated maximum revenue amount of \$58,696 for the period from September November 13, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Background:

According to Lucille Packard Foundation, Santa Barbara County has one of the highest cannabis use rates among youth in the State. Schools currently do not have the resources needed to provide youth with robust cannabis education, prevention, and early intervention programs and staff may be unaware of community resources when students need a referral to services. While some schools have a School Resource Officer (SRO) program, officers have limited resources to help address issues around cannabis use. BWell’s ADP funding sources are limited to Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding for clients who meet medical necessity for treatment.

However, there is still a significant gap within schools when coordinating linkages to services for youth early intervention and treatment services. Adolescents especially do not have access to adequate screening, early intervention, and referral resources since those resources do not exist in their natural environments and they lack direct connection with resources outside of their communities. The CalSCHLS (formerly California Healthy Kids Survey) data (2018) revealed in a 30-day survey that cannabis usage rates are as follows: 10% of users were in 9th grade, 17% in 11th grade, and 36% were students at public alternative or non-traditional schools.

On May 18, 2021 the Board of Supervisors approved the multi-year agreement with Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Grant Award No. 963-21 in the amount of \$959,895 for the period of May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2024. BWell’s ADP proposed a three-pronged approach to combat youth cannabis use. BWell hired one (1.0 FTE) Alcohol and Drug Services Specialists (ADSS) to assist with the development of a Student Assistance Program using the Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model (BRRIM) to provide prevention and early intervention in schools (virtually and in-person) with direct linkages to higher levels of care as needed, which was approved by the Board in November 2021.

On May 3, 2022 the Board of Supervisors approved the multi-year agreement No. 22-00351 with the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (Attachment B) to implement the BRRIM and Student Assistance Program in schools for the period of April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2024, with each party bearing its own program costs and expenses. The agreement was funded through BSCC State Grant funds No. 963-21 to cover BWell’s costs and was utilized as a pilot program to guide school-based early intervention services.

BWell has collaborated with the District to provide a foundation for ADP school-based services, which provide a full array of screening, early intervention and treatment services at District high schools. As of April 30, 2024, service delivery under the BSCC Grant Award No. 963-21 ended and those funds are no longer available.

The District would like to continue to provide Early Intervention / Treatment Services to at-risk students in their schools, and expand the focus of the work to address a broader array of substance misuse. With Board approval of the recommended actions, ADP can continue to support the District with ADSS staff to provide District students with critical intervention and prevention resources.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 24-25 Revenue</u> <u>(Projected):</u>
SMJUHSD Funding	\$ 58,696
Total	\$ 58,696

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by the District. Staffing for this agreement is included in the Board approved budget for FY 24-25.

Key Contract Risks:

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This contract requires a low level of data sharing, from County to District and schools within the District. This presents a risk. To mitigate this risk, we have specified that only designated representatives at the schools and District should have access to any data shared by the County. Most data shared will be aggregated data. Non-aggregated data shared will be participant name and the disposition of their screening, which County will only supply with completed Release of Information documentation. Finally, BWell is requiring HIPAA training for District employees who will have access to this data.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the contract to cshorb@sbcbswell.org and bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Santa Maria Joint Union High School District FY 24-25 Agreement

Attachment B - SMJUHSD FY 21-24 BC EXCD

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