



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 12, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director  
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220  
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, PsyD. Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations,  
681-5220  
**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness Alcohol and Drug Program - State Contract for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, FY 2017-2020

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**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, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to execute the multi-year Drug Medi-Cal revenue agreement (#17-94159) and subsequent amendments with the State Department of Health Care Services for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant in the amount of \$7,824,072 for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.
- B. 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 multi-year revenue contract allows Behavioral Wellness Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) to receive reimbursement from the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) services for the purpose of providing alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment and recovery support services to residents of Santa Barbara County. The three-year contract provides Santa Barbara County's maximum annual allocation of \$2,608,024, consisting of a federal SAPT Block Grants (SABG) funds. These funds are already reflected in Behavioral Wellness' FY 17-18 Adopted Budget, and will be included in future year budgets. This is being brought to the

Board of Supervisors for approval of the recommended action authorizing the Behavioral Wellness Director to sign this agreement to accept these Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant fund allocations and any subsequent amendments to the agreement for SABG funding that may be issued by the State, without returning each time to the Board.

**Background:**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) directs local county funding to primary prevention, treatment and recovery services through a block grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SAMHSA, established in 1992 within U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides funds for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs in California through DHCS by the authority of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 96 and through the SABG agreement. The SABG is a federal award under Title 45 Code of Regulations (CFR) Part 75. In previous years, the SABG agreement was included in the DHCS State Contract for Alcohol and Drug Program Services Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS). However, this year, due to the implementation of the DHCS Organized Delivery Service Model, DHCS created two separate agreements for SUDS and SABG funding. The SUDS agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors in November 2017.

Behavioral Wellness received the SABG Agreement from DHCS for processing on November 7, 2017. The SABG Agreement will be effective retroactively from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The SABG annual contract maximum is \$2,608,024 for FY 2017-2018 and two subsequent fiscal years, for an overall contract maximum of \$7,824,072 through 2020. The Agreement describes the plan to prevent and treat substance abuse through utilization of the SABG federal funds. The contract lists the terms and conditions by which State and Federal funding is made available and provides the specific requirements for reimbursement of alcohol and drug prevention treatment services. Behavioral Wellness is mandated under SAPT Block Grant 45 CFR 96.120 et seq. to provide services to individuals with substance abuse issues in Santa Barbara County; this contract provides reimbursement for those services to Behavioral Wellness and its contracted providers. The SABG Agreement funds services to individuals with substance abuse issues throughout Santa Barbara County ADP and delivered through contracted service providers, including:

- a. Primary Prevention Services - provide early intervention, outreach and mentoring services to youth at high risk for developing, or with existing, substance abuse issues. Traditionally, the ADP Prevention Programs have focused on approaches designed to affect the individual, peers and families. However, prevention funding is directed toward Primary Prevention strategies which address the entire population (national, local community, school, and neighborhood) with messages and programs aimed at preventing or delaying the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Using a Strategic Planning Framework (SPF), counties are directed to use these funds to build infrastructures for effective and sustainable prevention interventions through a community-based approach; to reach a larger sector on a comprehensive community-level.
- b. Friday Night Live – provides programming that engages in youth development and builds partnerships for positive and healthy lifestyle to promote youth as active leaders and resources in their communities. The main focus of this program is to promote healthy lifestyles among youth in order to prevent alcohol, tobacco, or other substance use among youth.

- c. Perinatal treatment services – includes individual and group counseling for pregnant and parenting women, transitional living, and perinatal and residential programs services.
- d. Room and Board for Transitional Housing – covers the cost of room and board for residents living in temporary, drug and alcohol drug free, transitional housing if the resident is actively engaged in treatment.

Approval of the recommended action will enable Behavioral Wellness and its subcontractors to receive reimbursement for services provided prevention and treatment services to individuals with substance abuse issues throughout Santa Barbara County through June 30, 2020.

**Performance Measures and Outcomes:**

Services delivered by the contracted service providers have performance measures and outcomes written into each contract and service. Data is entered into the California’s Outcomes Measurement System for Treatment (CalOMS). As a recipient of SABG funds, Behavioral Wellness must:

- 1. Adhere to SAMHSA National Outcome Measures.
- 2. Maintain effective internal control over the SABG funds.
- 3. Comply with federal statutes, regulations, including 45 CFR Part 75, and terms and conditions of the SABG grant.
- 4. Evaluate and monitor its activities and the activities of all subcontractors for compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the subaward.
- 5. Address any instances of noncompliance promptly.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 17-18</u></b>	<b><u>FY 18-19</u></b>	<b><u>FY 19-20</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: SABG Award	\$ 2,608,024	\$ 2,608,024	\$ 2,608,024
Annual Total:	\$ <b>2,608,024</b>	\$ <b>2,608,024</b>	\$ <b>2,608,024</b>
Three Year Total:			\$ <b>7,824,072</b>

Narrative: This multi-year contract provides the annual provisional along with the maximum reimbursement amount for the subsequent years. Behavioral Wellness budgeted for the SABG for FY 17-18 and it was approved in the Adopted Budget. Approval of the recommended action will not increase the use of General Fund dollars by the Department of Behavioral Wellness. We will return each year for subsequent budget approval.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The funding is subject to congressional appropriation of funds. If the funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, DHCS has the option to either cancel this Contract with no liability occurring to DHCS, or offer an amended agreement to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount. It also passes on to the County the responsibility to repay any audit exception taken by the Federal government and the State or the California State Auditor. The contract also imposes procedural and reporting requirements implemented by Behavioral Wellness that could be subject to audit in the future. However, Behavioral Wellness contracts with its service providers include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

**Special Instructions:**

Please email one (1) copy of the minute order to Denise Morales at: [dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant No. 17-94159 FY 17-20

**Authored by:**

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