



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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

Department Name: Sheriff-Coroner
Department No.: 032
Agenda Date: May 05, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner
Contact: Lieutenant David Harman
SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Agreement with California Health and Recovery Solutions, P.C., for Early Access Stabilization Services.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with California Health and Recovery Services, P.C. (CHRS) for Early Access Stabilization Services (EASS) beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027, to include cost reimbursement for Custody Services provided to support the EASS program in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00;
- b) Approve budget revision BJE0011024 in total amount of \$500,000.00; 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 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 before your Board to consider a First Amendment to the Agreement with California Health and Recovery Services, P.C. (CHRS) to provide Early Access Stabilization Services (EASS). EASS

is a program that serves individuals within jails that have been deemed incompetent to stand trial (IST) and are awaiting placement within the Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program or within Department of State Hospitals (DSH) facilities. EASS services offered include weekly psychiatric appointments, daily nursing services, counseling, and individualized medication management.

Discussion:

CHRS contracted directly with DSH to provide EASS services to California counties, thus, this program is provided by CHRS at no charge to the County. CHRS reimburses the County up to \$200,000 per year per jail facility in which EASS services are provided. Under the Agreement, Custody Services provide Custody Deputies to escort EASS staff and facilitate the movement of incarcerated persons to treatment. For the duration of this Agreement, the County may be reimbursed up to \$800,000 for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027.

Background:

In September 2022, CHRS began providing EASS at the Main Jail to incarcerated persons who were deemed IST prior to the patient being admitted into a DSH program. In November 2022, CHRS began providing EASS at the Northern Branch Jail facility. Prior to EASS, incarcerated persons who were deemed IST would have to wait in County Jail for an available bed at a Department of State Hospital (DSH) facility or placement in a Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program. JBCT programs are specialized, in-jail, mental health services designed to restore inmates deemed mentally incompetent to stand trial (IST) without waiting for a state hospital bed. These waitlists were long and prevented the incarcerated person from receiving timely care and treatment to get them through the court process. The goal of EASS is to provide restoration services, therapeutic supports, medication management and other services in order to restore competency more quickly and also decrease the needs for DSH programs (JBCT, state hospitals). This program has served 231 individuals since inception through May 2025 and has generated \$999,999.99 in revenue during the original contract period. Each individual who participates in EASS maintains their position on the waiting list for admission to a DSH hospital or JBCT program while participating in restoration services.

Performance Measure:

This program has restored 35 participants to competency from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. These 35 participants were restored to competency rather than being admitted into a DSH hospital or JBCT program, which allows those programs to serve clients who required more intensive competency restoration services. The County will receive the funds as outlined in the contract so long as we provide a Deputy to assist EASS staff with completing their treatment work. There are no set number of participants to be treated to receive the funds agreed upon in the contract.

Contract Renewals:

This is a contract extension in which the Contractor provides EASS at no cost to the County through a contract with the Contractor and the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH). Through their contract with DSH, the Contractor reimburses the County for custodial services which includes time spent by Custody Deputies moving incarcerated individuals through the jails to treatment and services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The cost associated with utilizing a Custody Deputy as an escort is offset by the revenue generated from the contract. Following approval of this First Amendment, the Sheriff’s Office will submit invoices for EASS services provided for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. There after the Sheriff’s Office will submit invoices on a monthly basis. The estimated total anticipated revenue for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027 is expected to be approximately \$800,000. Of that \$800,000, approximately \$100,000 is due for services provided in FY2024-25. The \$100,000 for FY2024-25 would cover the services provided from April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 (the last quarter of FY 2024-25). The remaining \$700,000 would cover the rest of the contract term from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Total
General Fund				
State				
Federal				
Fees				
Revenue from First Amendment	\$100,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$800,000.00
Total	\$100,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$800,000.00

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send one fully executed copy of the First Amendment with CHRS to David Harman, Lieutenant, Sheriff’s Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A – First Amendment to Agreement with CHRS for EASS

Attachment B – Original Agreement with CHRS for EASS

Attachment C – BJE 0011024

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