



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: May 18, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220
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**SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness - Alcohol and Drug Program - Pacific Pride Foundation FY
21-24 Contract Renewal**

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 a multiyear Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Pacific Pride Foundation**, a California nonprofit (a local vendor), for the provision of county-wide Alcohol and Drug Outreach, Harm Reduction, and Overdose Prevention Services and HIV Early Intervention Services for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$431,037**, inclusive of \$143,679 for FY 21-22; \$143,679 for FY 22-23; and \$143,679 for FY 23-24, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024;
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 25 of the Agreement, reallocate funds between funding sources with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement, adjust the provisional rate with discretion per Exhibit B of the Agreement; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E of the Agreement, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring formal amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not projects under the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (Behavioral Wellness) provides a continuum of substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). The above referenced contract is on the agenda to request approval for a contract renewal with Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF), to provide necessary Alcohol and Drug Outreach, Harm Reduction, and Overdose Prevention Services and HIV Early Intervention Services. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue to provide lifesaving overdose, early intervention, and substance use prevention services.

Background:

The country is fighting a nationwide opioid epidemic with opioid overdose (OD) deaths surpassing deaths from automobile accidents. Opioids include prescription pain pills and heroin. Santa Barbara County reflects this trend with the vast majority of deaths in the County involving opioids. To address opioid abuse, Behavioral Wellness began providing alcohol and drug outreach, harm reduction and overdose prevention measures through training and distribution of the opioid antidote, Naloxone.

Since 1998, Behavioral Wellness has contracted with Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF), the foremost expert with over 40 years of experience in advocacy and education of the emerging needs of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) community. With offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, PPF has a strong presence in the community and is a respected leader providing high quality, compassionate health and social service programs not available through any other organization in the County.

With the LGBTQ+ community being twice as likely to abuse alcohol and substances, and with the rising concern over opioid overdoses and deaths in the County, in 2017 Behavioral Wellness contracted with PPF to provide two new services that focus on outreach and prevention through trainings to individuals and community members about the LGBTQ+ community. This training model has been highly successful throughout the country in reducing harm. PPF provides trainings to support those struggling with substance dependency and provide Overdose (OD) Prevention and Reversal trainings. The training programs and harm reduction Naloxone distribution fills a much needed gap in prevention services for anyone struggling with substance dependency and the LGBTQ+ population. Pacific Pride Foundation provides county-wide alcohol and drug prevention outreach and harm reduction programs with a focus on LGBTQ+ issues.

LGBTQ+ Trainings

Training for LGBTQ+ individuals and community organizations is aimed at increasing cultural competence, awareness, education and understanding of specific issues and particular pressures surrounding the LGBTQ+ community in its relationship to alcohol and drug issues. The need for LGBTQ+ trainings will directly acknowledge and provide the unique and nuanced care necessary to create safe environments for, and assistance to, LGBTQ+ people living with addiction and in recovery. These trainings will focus on topics such as creating a safe environment, cultural competency and issues specific to the LGBTQ+ people for accessing services around alcohol and drug use.

Overdose Prevention and Reversal Trainings

In 2010, to address the current opioid abuse problem in our county, Behavioral Wellness increased funding for opioid treatment and organized town hall meetings and forums on the dangers of prescription drug abuse. The County included prescription drug abuse as one of the four (4) top priorities in our Strategic Prevention Plan (SPP), FY 2012–2017 and again in FY 2017–2022 Behavioral Wellness began exploring successful prevention treatment options and training all contracted treatment providers to address opioid abuse, regardless of any client’s drug of choice (DOC). In addition, Behavioral Wellness created Policy and Procedures, modeled after the California Drug Overdose Treatment Liability Act, AB 635, signed into law on January 1, 2014 (Civil Code § 1714.22). Naloxone negates or neutralizes, in whole or part, the effects of opioids in the body. In addition, included in all ADP treatment provider contracts was OD awareness and prevention requirements.

This two-pronged approach to the most vulnerable population will provide a uniform method for a more positive outcome and will enhance services for those struggling with substance dependency. The prevention trainings are evidence-based and rely on a proactive methodology to address the opioid epidemic in Santa Barbara County. The use of Naloxone during the first two quarters of our current fiscal year has resulted in 179 known reversals.

HIV Early Intervention Services

HIV Early Intervention Services will now be provided to individuals receiving AOD treatment. Federal law requires that a minimum set-aside of five percent of the total SAPT Block Grant Award be spent on HIV Early Intervention Services for AOD clients receiving AOD treatment services. Services will consist of HIV information sessions, Counseling, and HIV testing at treatment site and through mobile testing units. Services will take place in both North and South Santa Barbara County including the Youth Opioid Response (YOR) Place in Lompoc and Isla Vista.

Approval of the recommendation action will allow Behavioral Wellness to continue their outreach to the most vulnerable population to educate the community, provide HIV Early Intervention Services, and to improve harm reduction through OD reversals.

Performance Goals and Measures:

PPF’s performance outcomes and goals include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Number of Prevention and Reversal trainings conducted;
2. Number of individuals educated about the opioid epidemic and opioids in general;
3. Number of individuals trained to train targeted individuals to use Naloxone to reverse an OD;
4. Number of Naloxone kits distributed;
5. Number of successful OD reversals; and
6. Number of HIV tests administered.

During the first two quarters of FY 20-21, PPF had the following outcomes:

LGBTQ+ Outreach activities: From a total of 102 clients on average participants reported a 13% increase in knowledge regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, an 16% increase in knowledge of welcoming practices.

Harm reduction: Pacific Pride provides overdose prevention and reversal and distributes Naloxone/Narcan to clients, clients’ families and CBO’s. They provided 2 general educational presentations and sessions, trained 5 people in 2 naloxone training sessions, distributed 931 Naloxone kits, and recorded 179 known reversals.

They are on track to meet their program expectations. HIV Early Intervention Services are now being provided again through PPF and anticipate success in reaching goals.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>Overall Total</u>
	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 143,679.00	\$ 143,679.00	\$ 143,679.00	
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 143,679	\$ 143,679	\$ 143,679	\$ 431,037.00

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State funds. The funding source is included in the FY 21-24 Budget. Execution of this contract will not increase the use of general fund dollars by Behavioral Wellness.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. There is the risk that the State will disallow units of service or determine costs to be non-allowable, resulting in repayment. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) executed contract and one (1) Minute Order to Ana Bello at abello@co.santa-barbara.ca.us and one (1) executed contract and one (1) Minute Order to BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Pacific Pride FY 21-24 BC

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