



San Bernardino County

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

September 13, 2022

FROM

GEORGINA YOSHIOKA, Interim Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT

Driving Under the Influence Program Services for San Bernardino County

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve the following list of certified agencies to provide Driving Under the Influence Program services for San Bernardino County, for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023:
 - a. Dalton & Associates
 - b. Jackson-Bibby Awareness Group
 - c. Mental Health Systems
 - d. Prodigy Healthcare, LLC
 - e. Rehabilitation Alcohol Program
 - f. Social Science Services, Inc. dba Cedar House Life
 - g. Valley Improvement Programs, Inc.
 - h. W & G Enterprises dba Alcohol Education and Recovery Services
2. Approve the Letter of Certification template for Driving Under the Influence Program in relation to the provision of services provided by certified agencies for San Bernardino County, effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, with one one-year option to extend the term of services.
3. Authorize the Assistant Executive Officer of Department Operations, the Deputy Executive Officer of Human Services, or the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health to execute the Letter of Certification template with the individual certified agencies, including any non-substantive changes to the Letter of Certification template in relation to the provision of Driving Under the Influence Program services, for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.

(Presenter: Georgina Yoshioka, Interim Director, 388-0801)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) will receive administrative fee revenue, generated by participants in the program, in an estimated amount of \$367,564. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in DBH's 2022-23 budget and will be included in the 2023-24 recommended budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The California State Legislature enacted Driving Under the Influence (DUI) programs in 1982, utilizing required education and counseling services for first time and repeat offenders. The intent of the laws was to prevent the detrimental effects that drinking and driving have on the individual, family and community through required education and counseling services. DUI programs licensed by DHCS provide improved public health and safety on California highways by reducing the number of incidences caused by alcohol and drug use while operating a motor vehicle. DUI programs assist in reducing the number of repeat DUI offenses by persons who complete a state-licensed DUI program while providing participants an opportunity to address problems related to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs.

Most recently, on February 10, 2015 (Item No. 14), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a list of certified agencies and the Letter of Certification template for DUI Program services, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. The template included the option of two one-year extensions contingent upon provider performance and compliance to program standards.

On May 22, 2018 (Item No. 34), the Board approved a list of certified agencies and the Letter of Certification template for DUI Program services, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The template included the option of two one-year extensions contingent upon provider performance and compliance to program standards.

On April 30, 2019 (Item No. 29), the Board approved a list of certified agencies and the Letter of Certification template for DUI Program services, for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022. The template included the option of two one-year extensions contingent upon provider performance and compliance to program standards. Using a one-year option to extend, the Letter of Certification template will allow the certified agencies to continue to provide DUI services through September 30, 2023.

The Board has historically authorized the Assistant Executive Officer of Department Operations, the Deputy Executive Officer of Human Services, or the DBH Director to execute the Letter of Certification template with the individual certified agencies, including any non-substantive changes. This is requested as DBH needs the flexibility to make any non-substantive changes required by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and have the Letter of Certifications in effect as soon as possible in order to avoid a gap in service and maintain compliance with participant service needs.

DHCS administers the DUI Program through its DUI Program Branch. The DUI Program Branch licenses and monitors all DUI programs statewide, establishes regulations, approves participant fees and fee schedules, and provides DUI information and technical assistance.

Although DHCS is responsible for licensing all DUI programs statewide, the licensing process begins with the Board, in concert with the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator (the DBH Director), by recommending DUI Providers, through Letters of Certification, to DHCS for licensure. Applicant DUI Providers must demonstrate administrative, fiscal, and operational capabilities to operate a DUI program; provide programs that are clean, safe, and free of alcohol or illicit drug use; and adhere to all applicable statutes and regulations. Following the review and approval process, DHCS issues a license for the provision of DUI services.

During 2020-21, 5,587 clients enrolled in the DUI program, and 5,195 clients completed the DUI program requirements. Successful clients met DUI program, Department of Motor Vehicles, and Court requirements, which allowed them to have their Driver's License reinstated.

PROCUREMENT

For this type of service, a procurement is not required as the County's current providers remain eligible to

provide these services as DBH may only refer program certified agencies to the Board for approval.

DBH ensures that all certified providers comply with Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3: Program for Alcohol and Drug-Impaired Drivers, and verifies that all agencies possess adequate administrative, fiscal, and operational capabilities to provide appropriate DUI services for county residents.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Behavioral Health Contracts (Ellayna Hoatson, Contracts Supervisor, 388-0858) on June 1, 2022; County Counsel (Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 13, 2022; Finance (Christopher Lange, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on August 23, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on August 24, 2022.