

AGENDA \_\_\_\_\_ November 19, 2019

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October 30, 2019

The Honorable Board of Supervisors Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612

**Dear Board Members:** 

SUBJECT: APPROVE A FISCAL YEAR 2020 CONTRACT FOR OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES FOR THE SANTA RITA JAIL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PILOT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226,760

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approve a Master Contract Amendment (new Procurement No. 19155; Master Contract No. 900097) with Options Recovery Services (Principal: Thomas Gorham; Location: Berkeley) to provide substance use disorder outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment services to inmates at Santa Rita Jail for the period of 11/1/19 6/30/20 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$226,760; and
- B. Delegate authority to the Agency Director or designee to execute the agreement subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel, and submit to the Clerk of the Board an executed copy of the contract for filing.

#### **DISCUSSION/SUMMARY**

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 75 percent of people who are in prison or jail with an opioid use disorder experience a relapse to opioid use within three months of release from custody. Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) is requesting approval of a new contract with Options Recovery Services (Options) to pilot the delivery of substance use disorder (SUD) outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment at Santa Rita Jail to inmates experiencing problems related to their substance use, and particularly to inmates who are entering into custody with opioid use disorder who are required to participate in SUD counseling in order to receive methadone maintenance services. This program will also link clients to the appropriate services post-release such as an appropriate level of SUD treatment within Alameda County's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, as well as mental health, primary care, housing, vocational and other community resources.

A Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Learning Collaborative has been meeting for eighteen months towards enhancing MAT services in Alameda County. ACBH participates in the MAT Learning Collaborative with other local partners, including the Alameda County Sheriffs Office's (ACSO); the Alameda County Office of Collaborative Courts; and WellPath, ACSO's contracted primary care provider for in-custody inmates at Santa Rita Jail. This

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group identified the need for expanded substance use counseling services at the Jail, including up to six hours of counseling services per week, which was outside of the scope of the existing WellPath contract. Members of the Learning Collaborative worked together to secure additional grant funding to support this program, and were included in the RFP development process. On October 24, 2019, the MAT program was presented to your Board's Public Protection Committee. This pilot program will be a part of the MAT program but not limited to clients receiving methadone maintenance services.

This program will accept referrals from WellPath; ACBH Adult Forensic Behavioral Health (AFBH), the ACSO; and Alameda County Drug Court.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

ACBH released Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 19-08 on Tuesday May 21, 2019 for the provision of SUD treatment services at Santa Rita Jail to adults projected to be in jail for at least 45 days. The RFP was advertised for five weeks using the General Services Agency (GSA) advertising guideline by posting on the ACBH and GSA websites and included Small, Local and Emerging Businesses. In addition, a courtesy email was sent to ACBH contracted providers and other ACBH contacts via existing email distribution lists. ACBH held two Bidder's Conferences on May 30, 2019 and May 31, 2019 in Oakland and Dublin, respectively, with attendance from five agencies. ACBH also hosted a walk-through of Santa Rita Jail, where services will be delivered, for interested Bidders that attended either conference.

An evaluation panel consisting of four subject matter experts from Alameda County was conducted on July 30, 2019. The evaluation panel consisting of partners from Health Care Services Agency, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and the Office of the Collaborative Courts. Options and Telecare Corporation were invited to participate in oral interviews on July 31, 2019 as the top two bidders based on preliminary scores of the RFP bids. Options was recommended for contract award. The bidders were notified via email and certified mail of the evaluation panel's recommendations on August 7, 2019, and no bid protests were received.

The table below summarizes the results of this competitive bidding process and the evaluation panel's recommendation for contract award.

Bidder	Certified Small, Local or Emerging	Score
Center Point, Inc.	No	251
Options	Yes	389
Telecare Corporation	No	346

Options is a certified SLEB provider (Certification No. 07-90995; Expiration: March 31, 2021).

## **FINANCING**

This appropriation is offset by revenue from the California Department of Health Care Services Expanding Access to Medication Assisted Treatment in County Criminal Justice Settings Grant and Whole Person Care funding already included in ACBH's FY 19-20 approved budget. Approval of these recommendations will have no impact on net County cost.

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# **VISION 2026 GOAL**

Substance use prevention and treatment services at Santa Rita Jail meet the 10x goals of <u>Healthcare for All</u> in support of the shared visions of <u>Safe and Livable Communities</u> and a <u>Thriving and Resilient Population</u>.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director Health Care Services Agency

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