

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.32
(ID # 15524)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

FROM: RUHS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Authorize Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health to Apply for and Accept Funds Under the Health Management Associates, Inc. California Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Project – State Opioid Response Grant Round Two, All Districts. [\$80,000, 100% Federal Funding]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH), on behalf of the County of Riverside, to apply for and accept funds in the maximum amount of \$80,000 through August 31, 2022 under the Health Management Associates, Inc. California Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Project – State Opioid Response Grant Round Two; and
2. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health to sign documents related to formal application submission, Agreement and administer the grant. This authority shall include signature of necessary acceptance documents, exhibits, certifications, reports and non-substantive amendments that otherwise do not increase or modify the agreement. Amendments shall be approved by County Counsel.

ACTION: Policy


Matthew Chang, Director 6/7/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 22, 2021
xc: RUHS-BH

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	20/21-21/22

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The United States faces an epidemic of opioid addiction and overdose deaths. Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in America. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in 2019 there was an estimated 10.1 million people (3.7% of Total Population) misusing opioids, defined as heroin use or prescription pain reliever misuse.

In April of 2017, SAMHSA awarded the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant to the State of California Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) to address the opioid crisis by improving access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD). DHCS subcontracted with Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA) to improve and expand access to Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) throughout the state in local jails, drug courts and/or criminal justice diversion programs.

In January of 2018, RUHS-BH applied for the HMA California MAT Expansion Project and \$25,000 was awarded to participate in the Expanding MAT in County Criminal Justice System Learning Collaborative. On December 4, 2018 (Item 3.42) the Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HMA and RUHS-BH effective October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

In January of 2019, RUHS-BH applied for the HMA California MAT Expansion Project 2.0 and \$309,994 was awarded to expand the newly developed Detention Behavioral Health MAT program. On October 8, 2019 (Item 3.22) the Board of Supervisors approved the MOU between HMA and RUHS-BH effective March 14, 2019 through January 31, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the MOU was amended to extend the period of performance through December 30, 2020.

In January of 2021, HMA announced additional funding for HMA California MAT Expansion Project – State Opioid Response Grant Round Two. Riverside County is eligible for an award amount up to \$80,000 effective February 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. RUHS-BH intends to utilize the funding to purchase injectable Sublocade, a FDA-approved medication used to treat OUD, for consumers in the Detention setting. Utilizing Sublocade will allow RUHS-BH to safely and reliably treat consumers while minimizing risk of diversion and relapse.

Therefore, RUHS-BH is requesting that the Board approve the Director of Behavioral Health to apply for and accept HMA funding and authorize the Director of Behavioral Health to sign any future agreements that may result from the application.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

These services are a component of Behavioral Health's system of care aimed at improving the health and safety of consumers and the community.

Additional Fiscal Information

There are sufficient funds in the department's budget and no County funds are required.


Jacqueline Ruiz, Sr. Management Analyst

6/15/2021


Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel

6/8/2021