

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



**ITEM: 3.33
(ID # 22563)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

FROM : (RUHS) RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM: Approve the budget adjustment for the use of Opioid Settlement Funds for Correctional Health Services, All Districts. [\$5,208,910 Total Cost- 100% Opioid Settlement Funds] (4/5 Vote Required).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the use of Opioid Settlement funds through FY 2023-2024 for Behavioral Health programs identified in the Spending Plan proposal approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 2, 2023 Item 3.2; and
2. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustment as shown on the attached Schedule A.

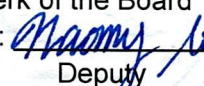
ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy


J. Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 2/9/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Perez
Date: June 11, 2024
xc: RUHS

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 5,208,910	\$ 0	\$ 5,208,910	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Settlement Funds 22860			Budget Adjustment: Yes	
			For Fiscal Year: 2023/2024	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Between 2014 and 2020, 51 of 58 California counties and approximately 28 California cities filed lawsuits seeking to abate the opioid crisis. On July 21, 2021, the litigation resulted in a settlement from Johnson & Johnson of \$26 billion payable to the counties and cities who filed the lawsuit. The funding will be disbursed to the various entities over an eighteen-year period, of which no less than fifty percent will be used toward Opioid abatement.

On October 3, 2023 (M.O. 3.2), the Board approved a spending plan, which included these funds to be used to increase capacity and enhance existing programs within Behavioral Health with the purpose of supporting treatment of Opioid Use Disorder and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Mental Health issue(s). To date, \$15,921,223 has been received from the settlement.

Correctional Health Services (CHS) and Behavioral Health (BH), under the umbrella of the Riverside University Health System (RUHS), provides effective, efficient, and professional physical and mental health care and SUD treatment to adults and juveniles incarcerated in Riverside County. A portion of the Opioid Settlement funds will be used to enhance the existing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Correctional Health Services and Behavioral Health. The department is requesting \$3,307,910 for the enhanced MAT program.

As part of the MAT program, RUHS has also contracted with a vendor to provide methadone to clinically indicated patients in custody. The intended use of this medication is to stop and prevent withdrawal and reduce opioid cravings. The department will increase staffing by adding a Registered Nurse and Behavioral Health Specialist IV at existing detention sites for MAT services and oversight of mobile Opioid Treatment Program services to the Banning Detention Facility. The department is requesting \$321,000 for the enhanced MAT program.

Friday Night Live (FNL) is an existing program under the RUHS-BH Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program offered to any school in the County that wishes to have a FNL chapter and activities on campus. FNL is a youth development program, designed for high-school youth to prevent alcohol and other drug use. As an extension of FNL, RUHS also offers Club Live (CL) directed toward middle school-aged students, FNL Kids, focusing on 4th through 6th grade youth, and FNL Mentoring, which co-engages middle and high school-aged students. The primary focus of the FNL Mentoring program is to form youth-adult partnerships with young

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people, to provide programs rich in opportunities and support, so young people will be less likely to engage in problematic behaviors, more likely to achieve in school, and more likely to attend higher education or secure a full-time job. FNL's vision is to work hand-in-hand with young people so they are both problem free and fully prepared.

An entire FNL team is comprised of the following staff: (1) Administrative Services Assistant, (1) Behavioral Health Specialist IV, (3) Community Services Assistants, (4) Health Education Assistant I, (6) Health Education Assistant II, (1) Office Assistant III, (1) Program Coordinator I, (1) Program Coordinator II, (3) professional Student Interns. Funding from the Opioid Settlement will go toward expanding the FNL program to serve Mid and South County school districts. The department is requesting \$1,580,000 for this enhanced program.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

These services will provide treatment to some of the county's most vulnerable populations to help aid them on a road to recovery.

Additional Fiscal Information

RUHS is not requesting any general fund support at this time. Funding for the ongoing costs in future years is contingent upon available Opioid funding.

Schedule A

The requested budget adjustment will increase appropriation two within the Riverside University Health System Correctional Health Systems and Behavioral Health.

Recommended Motion: *That the Board of Supervisors approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments increasing/decreasing appropriations and unassigned fund balance for RUHS-CHS and RUHS-BH as follows:*

Increase Appropriations:

10000-4300300000-510040	Regular Salaries	2,007,910
10000-4300300000-525200	Physicians/Dentists	1,300,000
10000-4100300000-510040	Regular Salaries	321,000
10000-4100500000-510040	Regular Salaries	1,580,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10000-4300300000-790600	Contributions from Other County Funds	3,307,910
10000-4100300000-790600	Contributions from Other County Funds	321,000
10000-4100500000-790600	Contributions from Other County Funds	1,580,000

Increase Appropriations:

22860-1102900000-551100	Contributions to Other County Funds	5,208,910
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Increase Estimated Revenues:		
22860-1102900000-781180	Judgements	5,208,910