



**M E M O R A N D U M**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: December 15, 2020

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Contract Amendment Related to Medication Assisted Treatment

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a contract amendment with California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. (CFMG) for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to increase funding by \$57,655.94 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,970.94, for a revised term of September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Your Board previously approved an amendment with California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. (CFMG) with the same contract term of September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021, and we are asking to amend the agreement to update the contract total to align with the Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA) for California Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Grant extension terms allowing Placer County to encumber grant funds beyond the grant term ending December 31, 2020.

In April 2017, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiated the California Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project. In collaboration with the CA DHCS Substance Use Disorder division, HMA recruited teams from 32 counties (including Placer) to participate in a learning collaborative to expand the use of MAT in jails and drug courts. The teams are made up of representatives from jail custody and healthcare, the county manager, county drug treatment program, courts, probation and others. This project is California's response to a nationwide effort to address the epidemic of opioid addiction and related overdose deaths. Placer works alongside HMA to administer the MAT grant, abide by best practices, and institute policies that improve service delivery. HMA also helps develop and implement solutions and align work with funding goals and expectations, tight timelines and the desire for a sustainable infrastructure.

MAT is the use of FDA-approved prescription medications. It has been clinically effective to alleviate symptoms of withdrawal, reduce cravings, and block the brain's ability to experience the opiate's effect. MAT maintenance has been proven to cut overdoses rates in half and decrease rates of HIV and hepatitis C transition. A large percentage of inmates in jail struggle with and meet the criteria for substance use disorders, including Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). MAT in correctional settings has been proven to lower mortality on release: the Rhode Island Department of Corrections dropped overdose deaths by 61% within a year of their MAT program to inmates. Incarceration is an opportunity to connect inmates with an effective opioid addiction treatment modality. This increases the likelihood that this population will stay on a path of success post release.

Through the MAT grant, CFMG has been able to employ a navigator (Counselor) for MAT services. This navigator supports the medical teams in both Placer County jails (Auburn and Roseville) through identifying inmates who enter the jail with MAT medications and/or meet the criteria for and could benefit from MAT. The navigator has developed strong collaborative relationships with MAT resources in Placer County and assists with treatment referrals for inmates upon release. The navigator also collaborates with the Drug Court, Veterans Court, and Prop 36 Court in Placer County. Inmates involved in either one of the collaborative courts, and enrolled in MAT, will have ongoing access to MAT while incarcerated and upon release. The navigator works with the Medical Director of CFMG, as well as the medical teams and

the Sheriff's office, to coordinate treatment and the development of medical policies and procedures addressing MAT needs in the jails. The navigator has developed outcome measures that include access to MAT services in the community and the length of time from release to first MAT appointment. Both of which ensure prompt access to care upon release.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this contract is through the California Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Project 2.0 and is included in the Department's FY 2020-21 Budget. No County General Funds are required.

The amendment is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.