



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 22, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II
SUBJECT: C.O.R.E. Medical Clinic, Inc. Contract Amendment

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a contract amendment with C.O.R.E Medical Clinic, Inc. for Medication Assisted Treatment from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, to increase funding by \$20,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments up to \$7,000, consistent with each agreement’s subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the use of FDA approved prescription medications to treat opioid use disorders. MAT is a clinically effective way alleviate symptoms of withdrawal, reduce cravings, and block the brain’s ability to experience an opiate’s effects. MAT maintenance has been proven to cut overdoses rates and decrease the incidence of both HIV infection and hepatitis C transmission. Substance use disorders impact Placer County’s health care and social services spectrums (e.g. health care, criminal justice, homelessness, education, child welfare, social services, etc.) and effective and appropriate treatment reduces costs. It is the mission of Placer County HHS to utilize a vast array of services, enhance partnerships, and to promote treatment services that are easy to access and meet the needs of SUD clients. To accomplish this, Placer County implemented a county specific Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) through the 1115 waiver on November 1, 2018 to enhance and improve substance use services. Placer County’s contract with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) stipulates that Placer County maintains appropriate access to necessary substance use treatment services, including narcotic treatment programs (methadone, buprenorphine, disulfiram, and naloxone). The waiver also changed the way providers are paid for services from “County of Service” to “County of Responsibility”. This requires Placer County to contract with providers who deliver quality services and who have a geographic location that is accessible to residents who qualify; and pay for Placer County beneficiaries accessing those out of county services.

C.O.R.E Medical Clinic, Inc. increases access to MAT services for Placer County residents. Residents can access services through C.O.R.E, located in Sacramento County, when obtaining these services locally would impact their employment, educational goals, health, and

Honorable Board of Supervisors
March 22, 2022
C.O.R.E. Medical Clinic, Inc. Contract Amendment
Page 2

stability. Having treatment options in both Placer and neighboring counties increases access, improves treatment outcomes, and reduces the negative outcomes associated with untreated substance use disorders.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these mandated services is comprised of 100% Federal and State funds and is included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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