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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

Item Number: 1.4

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Noelle Magner-Figueroa

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Rachel White

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R. WHITE

1. Approve fee-for-service contract with Valley Health Associates in an amount not to exceed \$1,421,217.00 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, for required Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Opioid Treatment Program/Narcotic Treatment Program and Medication Assisted Treatment (OTP/NTP/MAT); and
 2. Authorize Chair, or County Executive Officer, or designee to sign.
- SBC FILE NO.: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Clients sometimes require the assistance of a Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP), Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) or Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as part of their treatment plan and withdrawal maintenance from substances. This contract provides DEA licensed NTP/OTP and MAT services for San Benito County adults. This contract also provides for licensed Outpatient Treatment with MAT services for adolescents 12 to 17 years of age.

Valley Health Associates meets the needs of our requirements as an DMC-ODS county because it has the capabilities and experience to provide required services commonly utilized for the treatment of opioid addictions, and other chemical dependencies for adults and possible adolescent clients. They offer a

variety of services under Opioid Treatment Programs and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) where other providers may only provide MAT services. Valley Health Associates operates a clinic in Salinas with a mobile unit option to serve our community in San Benito County. VHA is the only current provider for youth MAT services, which is also a requirement of DMC-ODS counties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Behavioral Health Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on Tuesday March 10, 2026, soliciting proposals from qualified agencies to provide comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to adult and adolescent clients. The submission deadline was March 31, 2026.

The department received two submissions, one of which was disqualified as nonresponsive as it did not meet the criteria outlined in the RFP.

An evaluation panel consisting of the 3 individuals (2 from outside of our county, and one county employee from a different department) evaluated the proposal based on the evaluation matrix provided in the RFP.

Valley Health Associates received a score 93.73% out of 100%.

The evaluation panel awarded these scores as the proposal demonstrated the ability to deliver all required services effectively and without disruption. The proposal meets all required criteria under program services and reflects full compliance with programmatic, clinical, administrative, and regulatory standards. Their service model incorporates peer support, which remains an essential and highly valued component of recovery-oriented, person-centered care. The panel also noted that Valley Health Associates mobile NTP Van represents a particularly notable innovation, offering an effective strategy for extending access, reducing transportation barriers, and delivering services to individuals in remote and underserved areas of the County.

Their proposal clearly demonstrates readiness, capacity, and a strong commitment to meeting San Benito County's NTP/MAT service needs. Accordingly, Valley Health Associates is recommended for award of the final contract.

This is a 3-year term, fee for service contract to Valley Health Associates with a contract total not to exceed \$1,421,217.00 for the term of the agreement.

This is paid out of the non-general fund to GL # 230.90.2540.1000.630.116. The Behavioral Health department serves an estimated 300 clients per year through the County's NTP/MAT services program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet -Contract - Valley Health Associates](#)
[FY 26-29 Valley Health Associates Contract](#)
[RFP BH26-003 Valley Health Associates Proposal](#)

