

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 1/13/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Wayne Hansen 781-4282 Cindy Collins 788-2932	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2014-15 contract amendment with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to include a number of new diagnostic tests and their associated pricing. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a FY 2014-15 contract amendment with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to include a number of new diagnostic tests and their associated pricing.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S)	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$93,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$93,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001229		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, L.M.F.T, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 1/13/2015

SUBJECT: Request to approve a FY 2014-15 contract amendment with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to include a number of new diagnostic tests and their associated pricing. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a FY 2014-15 contract amendment with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to include a number of new diagnostic tests and their associated pricing.

DISCUSSION

Redwood is federally licensed through the Department of Health and Human Services and has provided drug testing lab services to the County since 1997. The tests require specific protocols for processing and reporting the results and Redwood Toxicology Laboratory meets the Federal requirements for security of information transferred electronically.

The County's Behavioral Health Department uses drug testing as an objective measure of treatment efficacy and a tool to monitor patient progress. Testing is performed to detect substance abuse and monitor treatment compliance. On 2/26/2013 the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory for a three year duration beginning with FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15 to provide drug testing results for Behavioral Health.

The amendment provides new diagnostic tests and their associated pricing that are required to test for new synthetic drugs of abuse. This includes Designer Drugs, Synthetic Cannabinoids, Bupenorphine, Carisoprodol (SOMA), a Comprehensive Panel and Pregnancy Testing. Additionally a 10-drug Panel Dip and Bupenorphine Panel Dip test devices will be provided for on-site use as well as a 6-drug panel dip test and breath alcohol oral fluids test devices, also for on-site use.

Some tests which are outdated are being deleted from the testing service. These are noted in Exhibit A-2 of the Amendment.

The Department's Adopted Budget for FY 2014-15 includes \$93,000 of testing expenditures related to Adult Drug Courts and CWS referrals and is not anticipating an increase at this time.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the contract amendment as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Currently, funding for drug testing is provided by the County Department of Social Services, client fees, and the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) grants in the amount of \$93,000. Approval of the amendment does not affect the level of General Fund Support required by the Behavioral Health Department for FY 2014-15.

RESULTS

Approval of the contract amendment allows Behavioral Health to maintain pace with new and emerging drugs of abuse and accurately test for their use by program participants. Rigorous drug testing is a best practice in providing effective addiction recovery treatment.

During FY 2013-14, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory processed 20,764 drug testing units of service for 1,501 unduplicated clients for the Department. All tests processed and reported met with the contract terms and performance measurements.

Performance Measures in the contract for FY 2014-15 include the following:

Outcome #1: Redwood Laboratories will process results within 5 days. Redwood is compliant with this measure.

Outcome #2: All drug testing results will be transmitted and reported to Behavioral Health through electronic means. Redwood is compliant with this measure.

Outcome #3: All drug testing results will be accurate. Redwood is compliant with this measure.

The contract amendment with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to provide client drug testing results and reports which will continue to help achieve the County's vision of providing a Safe and Healthy Community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Redwood Contract Amendment