

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Behavioral Health And Recovery Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-4

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE July 22, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Increase Weekend and Holiday Office Hours for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services - Genesis Program Effective July 26, 2014

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the change in weekend and holiday office hours for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services - Genesis Program, located at 800 Scenic Drive, Modesto, California, from 8:00 AM to 9:45 AM to 8:00 AM to 10:45 AM.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The increased hours for the Genesis Program on weekends and holidays will accommodate the substantial increase in clients being served by this program. Existing staffing will be used to cover the expansion in hours. There is no fiscal impact to the County General Fund associated with this change.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-387

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman De Martini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services – Genesis Program is the County-operated Narcotic Treatment Program located on the main Behavioral Health campus at 800 Scenic Drive in Modesto. Clients in this program receive a daily dose of methadone at the clinic. The clinic is open and operating every day of the week to accommodate the need for on-site dispensing of methadone.

With the implementation of the Medi-Cal Expansion effective January 1, 2014, many formerly uninsured individuals became eligible for Drug Medi-Cal services. Prior to this, the uninsured were required to pay for the services themselves. Many could not afford the monthly costs and did not seek treatment for their issues with addiction. Drug Medi-Cal coverage allowed many of these individuals to now obtain treatment. Since Drug Medi-Cal is an entitlement, the Genesis Program has accommodated the newly enrolled, and the program is now at capacity with 170 clients.

During the week, the hours of operation of the Genesis Program are sufficient to handle the increased number of clients as counseling and other program activities have been adjusted to accommodate the additional dispensing hours. However, weekends and holidays have limited hours of service as only dispensing of methadone occurs. As a result of the increased number of program enrollees, the weekend and holiday hours of operation are no longer sufficient to accommodate the number of clients needing this service on the weekend.

The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve an increase in office hours on the weekends and holidays for the Genesis Program, from 8 AM to 9:45 AM, to 8 AM to 10:45 AM. The additional hour would result in no impact to the immediate vicinity of this program as the nearest neighbor, the Health Services Agency, does not maintain hours of operation on the weekends or holidays.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this agenda item will meet the Board's priorities of A Healthy Community, A Safe Community, and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by maintaining programming that allows clients to receive appropriate treatment for substance use disorders.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff will continue to provide Genesis Program services during scheduled office hours.

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