



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Community Safety and Justice
ECAF: 2023-0566
Motion: 23-219

Analyst: Nicole Gorle
Date: May 18, 2023

Consideration:

Approve a contract with Therapeutic Health Services to provide opiate substitution treatment services within the Snohomish County Jail.

Background:

Therapeutic Health Services¹ has been providing opiate substitution treatment (OST) services, or medication-assisted treatment, within the jail for years through a contract held by Human Services in which the jail purchased services under. The purpose of medication-assisted treatment is to relieve withdrawal symptoms and cravings that cause a chemical imbalance in the body. According to the department, that contract expired and there is desire to contract directly with Therapeutic Health Services for these services.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Therapeutic Health Services will provide services, staff, and anything else necessary to perform the required work, which is:

- Coordinate delivery of OST in the jail.
- Inmates who are already enrolled in OST when booked are eligible to receive OST while incarcerated.
- Provide daily updates that include the name, date, time dosage, and name of contractor personnel who provided the dose for each inmate who received OST.
- Provide daily service to the jail (regardless of weekends, holidays, etc.)
- Require that sufficient staff have passed the required criminal background check.
- May coordinate appointments post release to local OST treatment sites.

Duration: April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 – option to extend three additional one year terms

Fiscal Impact: \$146,195 – contract will be paid for using Criminal Justice Treatment Account dollars. The daily cost of this contract is \$399.44/day. This includes 4.5 hours of service a day for 365 days and is all encompassing, meaning it includes staff cost, milage, medication, supplies, and administrative overhead.

2023 Budget: Yes

Future Budget Impact: Yes

Handling: Expedite – May 31, 2023

Approved-as-to-form: Yes

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to GLS on May 24th for consideration.

¹ <https://ths-wa.org/substance-use-treatment/opioid-use-treatment/>