



# Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

John Davis, Agency Director

**AGENDA DATE:** August 8, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Approval of amendment to Agreement #21965 with Addiction Research and Treatment, Inc. (ART) d.b.a. BAART for FY 2006/2007.

**REQUEST:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the amendment with ART d.b.a. BAART for the provision of a Drug/Medi-Cal methadone and Drug/Medi-Cal perinatal methadone maintenance program from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for \$1,043,255.00.
2. Authorizes the Board Chair to sign three (3) signature pages of the amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Methadone is a long-acting synthetic narcotic and is the most effective treatment for heroin addiction. Methadone can be used to detoxify heroin addicts, but most heroin addicts who detox return to heroin use. However, the use of methadone in a maintenance program drastically reduces, and often eliminates, heroin use among addicts. There is almost no negative health consequences of long-term methadone treatment, and it is cost effective, averaging about \$4,000 per patient per year. It has also been proven effective in reducing crime, enhancing social productivity, allowing patients to stabilize their lives and return to legitimate employment, and in reducing the spread of diseases such as AIDS and hepatitis. This agreement allows the Division of the Mental Health Department of HHS to provide contracted services for Drug/Medi-Cal (D/MC) methadone maintenance and D/MC perinatal methadone maintenance. Ancillary services at BAART include complete medical examinations, annual tuberculosis screening, and the opportunity for sexually transmitted disease testing and counseling (including HIV). D/MC-eligible clients from anywhere within the State may be treated at this facility. This program is operated under the regulations of the State of California Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), and funded thereby, as outlined in Title 9 of the Administrative Code. For FY 2005/2006 they averaged 200 clients per month for non-perinatal and four clients per month for perinatal. This is a retroactive agreement to July 1, 2006. The State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) provided the County with 3 different budget reductions for FY 06/07, the last one received in May 2006.

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**FINANCING:** The expenses and revenues involved with this agreement have been included in the FY 2006/2007 proposed budget. This request will have no effect on net county costs.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Not contract with ART d.b.a. BAART and allow them to contract directly with the State, which would decrease our annual Alcohol & Drug allocation.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:** This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** The signature of the Board Chair is required on three (3) signature pages included with the attached agreement.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
Cheryl L. Dueksen Ph.D. – Director Mental Health

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF** )      **RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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BAART for FY 2006/2007 )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOREGOING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_,  
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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