



**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
 Commission Special Meeting**

Friday, June 23, 2023

12:15pm – 12:35pm

1404 Franklin Street, Suite 200, Oakland

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Agenda

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Item	Presenter	Time
A. CALL TO ORDER: 1. Welcome & Roll Call 2. Adopt agenda	Gloria Crowell Commission Vice Chair	12:15pm 2 min
B. PUBLIC COMMENT	Gloria Crowell Commission Vice Chair	12:17pm 3 min
C. ACTION AGENDA 1. Request to Approve Oakland Pharmacy, Inc. contract (\$75,000 for period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026). 2. Request to Approve Pharmacy Consultant contract with Seth Gomez, PharmD (\$25,000 for period of April 18, 2023, through April 17, 2024). 3. Request to Approve Peer Navigation Substance Use Services contract with Cardea Health (\$99,600 for period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024).	Lucy Kasdin, LCSW ACHCH Director	12:20pm 15 min
D. ADJOURNMENT	Gloria Crowell Commission Vice Chair	12:35pm

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DATE: June 16, 2023

TO: Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission

FROM: Staff, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE ACHCH COMMISSION TO TAKE ACTION: Approval of Pharmacy Contract with New Oakland Pharmacy

Background:

The ACHCH Commission as the ACHCH health center governing board is required to review and approve applications related to ACHCH's Health Center Scope of Project, including contracts, grants and designation applications and other HRSA requests regarding scope of project. The Bureau of Primary Care (BPHC), Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) is under the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and administers the federal health center program.

Request:

ACHCH staff requests approval of a new procurement contract to ensure low-barrier access to medications and medical supplies for people experiencing homelessness in Alameda County: **Oakland Pharmacy, dba New Oakland Pharmacy** to continue to provide pharmacy medications and supplies for Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless, \$75,000 for the period of 7/1/23 – 6/30/26 (3 years). The requested contract if approved would continue ACHCH's ability to work with Oakland Pharmacy, a contractor previously approved by the ACHCH Commission.

Discussion:

ACHCH staff request Commission approval of the contract with Oakland Pharmacy to provide pharmacy medication and supplies to ACHCH. Acceptance of this contract will allow the contractor to continue to provide stock medications based on the ACHCH formulary and a pre-packaged medication inventory to support the Street Health service delivery model, which aims to ensure that patients in encampments have access to needed medicines and medical supplies without having to travel to a brick-and-mortar pharmacy. Contractor shall further provide medical supplies, including wound care, hygiene items, and first aid kits to improve the health of unsheltered homeless in Alameda County.

The recommended amendment is supported by: ACHCH's federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) health center grant.

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TO: Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission

FROM: Staff, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE ACHCH COMMISSION TO TAKE ACTION:
Approval of new Contract: Pharmacy Consultant, Seth Gomez, PharmD

Background:

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Request:

ACHCH staff requests approval for a new procurement contract to ensure access to pharmacy services in Alameda County for people experiencing homelessness.

- *Pharmacy Consultant.* Seth Gomez, PharmD, 4/18/23 – 4/17/24, in the amount of \$25,000

Discussion:

Pharmacy Consultant. Seth Gomez, PharmD, 4/18/23 – 4/17/24, in the amount of \$25,000. This is a contract for 12 months, intended to fill ACHCH pharmacy needs while we recruit a new Senior Clinical Pharmacist. The Pharmacy consultant will provide the following services: inform and advise on the ACHCH pharmacy and medication services strategy including expansion of testing for communicable diseases, COVID-19 vaccinations and treatments, and collaborations with Public Health Lab and LabCorp; consultation with ACHCH on complex patient cases, support management of the ACHCH pharmacy formulary and oversight of direct dispensing of medications to ACHCH patients who face travel barriers to getting to a brick-and-mortar pharmacy; support management of 340b discount drug program and Quality Assurance. Dr. Gomez has specific expertise in behavioral health and homeless services, having worked at ACBH, was the former ACHCH Senior Clinical Pharmacist, and works at John George Psychiatric Pavilion.

ACHCH worked with Alameda County General Services Agency–Procurement to develop an Informal Request for Proposal (IRFP) for the Pharmacy consultant. The IRFPs were posted on the GSA website for 14 days, and sent to the E-Gov Professional Services – Current Contract Opportunities mailing service.

The recommended contract is supported by: ACHCH’s State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds.

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TO: Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission

FROM: Staff, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE ACHCH COMMISSION TO TAKE ACTION: Approval of Acceptances of Informal IRFP Contract with Cardea Health

Background:

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Request:

ACHCH staff requests approval to accept the following contract: Cardea Health for Peer Navigation Substance Use Services for individuals with Substance Use Disorders (SUD).

- A. Approve Contract with Cardea Health for the period of August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024 in the amount of \$99,600.

Discussion:

Cardea Health:

ACHCH requests your Board to approve a contract with Cardea Health to provide substance use medical consultation and programmatic oversight of peer based direct treatment services, and capacity building to support expanding services for people who use drugs through substance use navigation. Harm reduction focused substance use services would be provided in housing programs that serve homeless individuals, including Narcan and safer use supply distribution to increase acceptance of care and reduce risk over overdose, Hep C, HIV and other health concerns.

The scope of work requested will support Cardea Health in working collaboratively with ACHCH to:

- a. Supports the development of peer navigator services that provide outreach, engagement, and linkages to SUD treatment and recovery-oriented services.

- b. Provide direct supervision of SUD treatments that are culturally appropriate, trauma-informed, and evidence-based in non-traditional settings, including shelters and interim housing for people experiencing homelessness.
- c. Development of low-barrier SUD programming to increase access to recovery-orientated treatment grounded in harm reduction.
- d. Expanded access to evidence-based harm reduction practices such as rapid fentanyl test strip distribution, overdose education, naloxone, and other FDA-approved overdose reversal medications.
- e. to provide outreach, engagement, evidence-based harm reduction services, and linkages to SUD treatment and recovery-oriented services as part of a multi-disciplinary team.