

(13) Review of Request for Approval of Proposed Personal Services Contract Number 41315-23/24 from the Department of Public Health. (File No. 0040-24-8) – Action Item

PSC	Department	Amount	Type of Service	Type of Approval	Duration
41315-23/24	Public Health	\$72,000,000	<p>These services will be provided by contractors responding to a new RFP to create Expanded Harm Drop-in Centers, which tests a new paradigm for the organized delivery and linkage of health care services for people who use drugs. Its purpose is to demonstrate how such a system will reduce overdose, reduce overdose disparities, reduce adverse health and social consequences, and promote recovery and wellness.</p> <p>Critical elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Providing hospitality services in order to ensure that all services are rendered in a warm, welcoming environment that treats clients with compassion and respect and encourages future engagement; -- Providing linkage services in order to ensure the ability to integrate harm reduction with other forms of care provided at the Sites to ensure that the “whole person” needs of clients are met; -- Providing onsite rapid HIV and HCV testing by licensed medical staff, trained staff, or trained peers (DPH HIV HCV Test Counselor training) and follow-up testing at DPH Health Laboratory and follow-up linkage to treatment; -- Providing on-site drug checking on a regularly scheduled basis with the use of infrared spectrometer, or other equivalent technology, that identifies different compounds in a given sample; -- Providing distribution and disposal of harm reduction supplies and education; -- Providing culturally responsive community outreach and engagement to the Priority Population to encourage people disproportionately impacted by substance use to use the program. This can include outreach to other providers, training, and/or street-based outreach. 	Regular	12/31/2028

February 5, 2024: Continued PSC #41315-23/24 from the Department of Public Health to the meeting of March 4, 2024.

Recommendation: Accept the request from the Department of Public Health to withdraw PSC #41315-23/24.