

CCCS to run drug services

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Butte-Silver Bow is turning over the reins to the Chemical Dependency Center earlier than planned, with a local nonprofit slated to provide services in June if the council OKs the changeover.

Community Counseling and Correctional Services, based in Butte, will begin treating clients of the city-county's drug treatment program next month, according to Dan Powers, interim director of the county's health department.

Chief Executive Matt Vincent has requested that the commissioners agree with the selection of CCCS and authorize the contract at their meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Powers said he is unsure of how much CCCS will be paid by Butte-Silver Bow because funding is based on the number of clients and services provided.

Beginning with the new fiscal year in July, CCCS will contract directly with the state instead of going through the city-county.

Powers said the health department's priority is to ensure its clients don't experience any discontinuity in services. He added that CCCS is a "well-run" organization and that taxpayers will benefit.

In February, Vincent announced the city-county would stop providing the addictions services after a budget analysis found the program had accrued more than \$1 million in losses since 2005.