

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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SUBJECT: Extend Positions Funded by the Mentally Ill Offender Crime
Reduction Grant Program

Recommendation(s):

Pursuant to the extension of the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant, that the Board of Supervisors:

A. Adopt a resolution, as follows:

ALCOHOL, DRUG & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (#5250)

Rescind Resolution #99-331, which deleted 4.0 FTE positions in Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services effective June 30, 2003;

Delete 2.0 FTE Mental Health Practitioner Intern/I/II (Class 005190/005191/005192), Range 5180/5380/5470 5470 (\$3,213-\$3,922/\$3,550-\$4,334/\$3,713-\$4,533 per month) effective October 13, 2003.

Delete two 50% FTE Office Assistant Senior (Class 001702), Range 4470 (\$2,255-\$2,753 per month) effective October 13, 2003.

Delete 1.0 FTE Psychiatric Nurse I/II (Class 006147/006148), Range 5510/5610 (\$3,788-\$4,624/\$3,982-\$4,861 per month) effective October 13, 2003.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2, A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Due to an oversight, the above recommendation and resolution were inadvertently left off of the Board's January 14, 2003 agenda. For noticing purposes, it is being added as a separate item.

On June 15, 1999, your Board accepted a Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant (MIOCRG) from the California Board of Corrections to create a Mental Health Treatment Court with Intensive Support Teams. The Sheriff's Department is the lead agency for the grant, which is set to expire on June 30, 2004. The grant included funds to hire additional County staff for the four-year project, and on August 7, 1999, your Board passed Personnel Resolutions to add the grant-funded positions.

When the Mental Health Treatment Court (MHTC) program was designed, an estimated timeline for the enrollment of 250 clients into the grant program was created. Through a random selection process designed by UCSB, 125 of the clients were to be placed into the treatment group, and 125 were to be placed into a comparison group. Treatment group clients were to participate in an 18-month court supervised treatment program, and their progress was to be tracked for an additional six (6) months after program completion. Clients were to be screened for eligibility in the County Jail, and if they met all the eligibility requirements and voluntarily agree to participate, they were to be randomly selected for either the MHTC program or the comparison group.

When the grant-funded positions were added, your Board passed both the Resolutions required to add the positions as well as Resolutions deleting the same positions. The deletion dates were based on estimates of how long each position would be needed for the program based on the original timeline created for the project and on the number of clients enrolled in the program at any given time. These same positions are scheduled to be deleted (pursuant to the Resolutions) as clients complete the program and total enrollment decreases.

The timeline for the initial set-up and implementation of the MIOCRG program was delayed due to a myriad of issues such as difficulty in filling vacant positions and slower than expected enrollment of clients in the program. These problems were common to the rest of the counties who participate in the MIOCRG program. Due to this common delay, the Board of Corrections extended the term of the grant into a fifth year in order for the counties to reach their enrollment goals. Services to clients will cease on October 1, 2003 and the grant will officially end on June 30, 2004. The final nine months of the grant will be used for follow-up evaluation of the graduated clients, data collection, and the completion of the report prior to submitting it to the Board of Corrections.

The positions being addressed in this Board Letter are within the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department. The position extensions are for two Mental Health Practitioners, two halftime Senior Office Assistants, and one Psychiatric Nurse. For information in reference to CA 02-24, on June 24, 2002, a Psychiatric Nurse was reclassified to a Mental Health Practitioner. This reclassified position is amongst the

lines to be extended (line 5957). These ADMHS positions need to be extended for three (3) months from July 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003 in order to continue services for the clients and administrative support.

Mandates and Service Levels:

These positions are not mandated, although the County is under contract with the Board of Corrections for the grant program. If these positions are deleted according to the current Resolution, the service to the MHTC clients will be adversely impacted since these positions are still needed in order to operate the program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The costs of the positions are approximately \$54,000 to ADMHS. It has been known for some time within the program management that these positions would be needed beyond June 30, 2003. Accordingly, revisions to the grant budget were sought and approved by the California Board of Corrections to make grant funding available until June, 2004. Of the Probation Department positions, the entire cost is grant-funded. Of the ADMHS positions, \$39,000 will be grant-funded. Based on historical averages, the positions are expected to generate at least \$40,000 in Medi-Cal revenues over the three month extension period, more than paying for themselves between the grant funds and the revenues generated. We do not anticipate additional fiscal impact to the County as a result of this action. There is no impact to County facilities by retaining these positions longer than originally anticipated.

Special Instructions:

ATTN Clerk of the Board: Please send certified copies of the adopted Resolutions and any Minute Orders associated with this action to Commander Jim Peterson at the Sheriff's Department and Susan Kean at Human Resources.