



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
Agenda Date: March 18, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors *Joseph B. Benton*
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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement with Northpointe d/b/a equivalent for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2025

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with equivalent, (BC 23220) to amend Exhibit A, Statement of Work, Section II adding subsection "h" for one-time services needed for the completion of a multi-prong research study, amend Exhibit B "Payment Arrangements" section A to increase the total contract maximum amount by \$6,825 to \$289,252, and replace in its entirety Attachment B-1 to Exhibit B, "Schedule of Fees"; and
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that these activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these activities may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for your Board to approve a contract amendment with equivalent to provide additional services necessary for equivalent to complete a multi-prong research study. On November 28, 2023, the Board approved the contract with equivalent to provide software subscriptions, maintenance, support and training in the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) risk and need assessment instrument. In addition, equivalent was contracted to

complete a multi-pronged research study of the COMPAS assessment instrument to include recommendations of adjustment to the thresholds used to categorize individuals into different risk levels by gender, race, and/or ethnicity if appropriate. Once completed, the study will also provide an analysis of whether predictive validity in distinguishing recidivists from non-recidivists would be improved by moving to the COMPAS-Revised assessment tool.

Background:

COMPAS is a validated actuarial assessment tool used to inform decisions regarding the supervision and case management of adult clients on probation. During the course of the Probation Department’s (Department) ongoing work with equivalent, it was determined that an item on the COMPAS risk and need assessment tool was not consistently coded by the Department. This inconsistency may affect the validity of the findings associated with the research study. To address this issue, it is necessary to contract for additional services for equivalent to parse client arrest records obtained from the Department of Justice to determine the frequency clients have been sentenced to jail for 30 or more days and provide a statistical summary of findings. equivalent will also provide a statistical summary of COMPAS assessment scores before and after the parsing. This amendment adds the expense for these additional services in the amount of \$6,825 in year 2, increases the total annual amount for year 2 to \$110,210, and increases the total contract amount to \$289,252.

Fiscal Analysis:

Execution of the First Amendment will increase the contract by \$6,825, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$289,252. The Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment, is financed by the General Fund in the amount of \$202,477 and State funding from SB 678 of \$86,775. The General Fund provides funding for risk and needs assessment subscriptions, maintenance and support services, and staff trainings in Years 1 and 2 of the contract term, and the State funding provides funds for a one-time research study. Execution of the First Amendment will not increase the General Fund contribution to the Probation Department.

Funding Source	Original Contract Total	Added Amount	New Contract Total
General Fund	\$202,477.00	\$0.00	\$202,477.00
State	\$79,950.00	\$6,825.00	\$86,775.00
Federal			
Total	\$282,427.00	\$6,825.00	\$289,252.00

Attachments:

Attachment A – First Amendment to Agreement with equivalent, Fiscal Years 2023-2025, BC 23220

Attachment B – Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor, equivalent, Fiscal Years 2023-2025 BC 23220

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