



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Probation Department
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: July 19, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Guadalupe Rabago, Chief Probation Officer, 882-3652
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 – 2017 Agreements for Juvenile Probation Program Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Family Services Agency (FSA) (a local vendor) to provide individual and family counseling, and substance abuse counseling services to youth in the Santa Maria and Lompoc geographic areas, and gender-specific group counseling services to female youth in the Santa Barbara and Lompoc geographic areas, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$118,476 (the "Agreement") (Attachment A); and
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) (a local vendor) to provide individual and family counseling services to youth in the Santa Barbara geographic area, and diversion case management services to youth in the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Lompoc geographic areas, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$82,037 (the "Agreement") (Attachment B); and
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center (SMVYFC) (a local vendor) to provide substance abuse counseling services to youth and gender-specific

group counseling services to female youth in the Santa Maria geographic area, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$28,597 (the "Agreement") (Attachment C); and

- D. Determine that the approval of the Agreements are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), finding that this activity is 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 this activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment D).

Summary Text:

The County has contracted with CADA and FSA to provide counseling services to specified youth assigned to one of two probation supervision programs funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). Therapists provide individual and family counseling services to youth on probation and address myriad problems associated with juvenile delinquency such as gang association or involvement, substance abuse, and poor school involvement, as well as issues surrounding abuse, trauma, and family problems. Treatment is coordinated with other providers as needed and referrals made to other service providers for additional services when appropriate. Therapists also co-facilitate Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) groups with probation staff. MRT is an evidence-based cognitive-behavioral intervention used with various offender populations.

Execution of the FSA Agreement includes \$65,575 for these JJCPA program counseling services and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

Execution of the CADA Agreement includes \$67,682 for these JJCPA program counseling services and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

The County has also contracted with CADA, FSA, and SMVYFC to provide case management and counseling services for youth involved in the Teen Court program and Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) program. In prior years, these services had been funded through the Federal Juvenile Accountability Block (JABG) grant administered by the State. Both the Federal and State Governments have discontinued funding the JABG effective July 1, 2016. At its May 6, 2016 meeting, the local Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council approved the one-time use of JJCPA reserve funds to provide the funding necessary to continue the three programs formerly supported by the JABG for one additional year.

Execution of the FSA Agreement includes \$8,860 for this former JABG program counseling service and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

Execution of the CADA Agreement includes \$14,355 for this former JABG program diversion case management service and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

Execution of the SMVYFC Agreement includes \$4,502 for this former JABG program counseling service and is renewal of an existing Agreement.

The County has contracted with FSA and SMVYFC to provide gender-specific group counseling services to female youth. The program is being supported by SB 163 Wraparound reserve funding with the objective of reducing the likelihood of out-of-home placement for female youth, as well as reducing

the prevalence of high-risk behaviors among them. The program serves female juvenile offenders and at-risk females referred by the Probation Department.

Execution of the FSA Agreement includes \$44,041 for this SB163 supported gender-specific group counseling service and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

Execution of the SMVYFC Agreement includes \$24,095 for this SB163 supported gender-specific group counseling service and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

Background:

The JJCPA (AB 1913, statutes of 2000) supports programs and services that address delinquency and problem behaviors among at-risk youth at the local level. Counties may use the funds to support prevention, intervention, suppression, and detention programs based on local needs and as approved by a local JJCC.

Historically, Santa Barbara County has used its JJCPA funding for three core programs: Truancy Mediation, Initial Assessment/First Offender Intervention, and Aftercare Services. However, the Aftercare Services program was discontinued.

Currently, JJCPA funds four School Based Officers (SBOs) that serve secondary, continuation, and community school campuses throughout the County, and work closely with school staff and administration, and law enforcement resource officers. Also funded by JJCPA are three Early Intervention (EI) DPOs that supervise caseloads consisting of both formal and informal probation cases, and coordinate closely with counselors providing life skills education or individual counseling to youthful offenders. These caseloads provide most of the supervision efforts geared toward younger first-time offenders. Counseling services for youth on these caseloads are provided by FSA and CADA. Additionally, JJCPA funds a .5 FTE Mental Health Assessor.

In the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year, JJCPA funds will be used to support 4.5 SBOs and 2.5 EI officers to accommodate shifts in the probation population. A second Assessor position will be added to better meet the needs of youth and families requiring mental health services, and to improve the transition for youth between custody and community treatment settings.

SB 163 (Statutes of 2003), or Wraparound, was enacted with the goal of reducing the need for group care for youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Instead, funding supports intensive community and family-based services provided in the home. Services build on the strengths of the youth served and their family, and are tailored to address their unique needs. The financial arrangement for Wraparound between counties and the State allows for the County to maintain a reserve balance of SB163 funding each year. This reserve funding can be used to support a variety of programs for children and youth. The Probation Department has used a portion of this reserve funding to support gender-specific counseling services in the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Lompoc geographic areas.

Performance Measure:

- A. Providers will begin treatment services within five (5) business days of receiving referral.
- B. Providers will submit status reports that include the name of all youths receiving services, the names of all youth awaiting services, the referral and enrollment dates for each, the number of sessions scheduled, attended, and missed, and discharge information.
- C. Providers will create initial treatment case plans at the onset of services that target specific risks and needs, and include parent and youth participation.
- D. Providers will submit notices of program completion or failure within three (3) business days.

The Agreements are with local providers with lengthy histories of contractual Agreements with the County and long-term relationships with County personnel who administer and monitor these Agreements. Each identified vendor is accustomed to providing regular and timely documentation in support of their services either as regular parts of monthly invoices, ad hoc reports, or upon request. Documentation maintained by these vendors include employee time coding, expenses, participant rosters, admission and discharge information, case plans, and statistical information. These providers have proven track records of complying with Agreement requirements and clarifying or correcting issues in a timely and collaborative manner when they occur. There is no present indication that services identified in Agreements with them are not being provided as described and in accordance with applicable industry standards or professional licensure requirements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 229,110.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 229,110.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Santa Barbara County’s JJCPA allocation for FY 2016 – 2017 is \$1,210,691. The County is using an additional \$401,452 from prior year JJCPA allocations (reserve funding) to support total program services. The Federal funding is Title IV-E salary reimbursement for services provided to eligible youth to prevent placement in to foster care. The costs associated with the contracts noted above that were previously funded by JABG are included in this total. The attached Agreements are funded by the JJCPA (\$160,974) and SB163 (\$68,136), and there is no impact on the General Fund due to the execution of these Agreements.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk analysis has been completed and no key contract risks have been identified.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

No Effect

FTEs:

No Effect

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed original of each contract and one (1) Minute Order to:

Vanessa Escobar, Probation Department, 117 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Return one (1) certified copy of the fully executed contracts and minute orders to the Auditor Controller's Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Family Service Agency, FY 2016-2017 Agreement (2 originals)

Attachment B: The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, FY 2016-2017 Agreement (2 originals)

Attachment C: Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center, FY 2016-2017 Agreement (2 originals)

Attachment D: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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cc: