



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: ADMHS
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: 12/5/2006
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services
Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, ADMHS Assistant Director, Administration
805-681-4092
SUBJECT: FY 06-07 START Project Contracts

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) for the START Program to provide a cohesive continuum of family-school-community interventions to facilitate learning and promote healthy development of youth. The contract is from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$120,000.
- b) Authorize a contract amendment with Family Service Agency (FSA) for the START Program to provide a cohesive continuum of family-school-community interventions to facilitate learning and promote healthy development of youth. The contract is from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 with the amendment amount of \$120,000 making the new FSA contract total \$1,129,300.
- c) Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contracts, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Summary:

The START Program (Support, Treatment, Advocacy, and Referral Team) is designed to establish a comprehensive, multifaceted approach to help ensure schools are caring and supportive places that maximize learning and well-being and strengthen students, families, schools, and the Carpinteria

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community. The providers for START are The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) and Family Service Agency (FSA). A START team with expertise in substance abuse and mental health prevention and treatment will be assigned to each school in the Carpinteria area to provide intervention, referrals, programs and services to intervene as early as possible to address learning, behavior, and emotional problems. The START program will serve approximately 750 students in the Carpinteria area this year. In addition START will build the capacity of all school staff to surmount barriers to learning and promote healthy development. START can address school issues such as anxiety bullying, alienation, and disengagement from classroom learning. Start personnel are knowledgeable about other services available in the community and, through referral and linkage, will develop a cohesive continuum of school-community interventions that facilitate learning and promote healthy development.

Performance Measures:

Approval of the recommended action will assist ADMHS in meeting the following **Recurring Performance Measures:**

RPM 0198: to provide high quality mental health services to stabilize children in their family homes and hold new out of home placements at less then 100.

RPM 0141: To ensure adequate funding for Children's Programs and to increase the average dollars billed to MediCal-EPSDT each month by 5%.

Approval will also improve the mental health of youth and families through school-based mental health and substance abuse services leading to the following positive outcomes:

- a) Increased resiliency and social-emotional development of youth and families
- b) Increased EPSDT/Medicaid revenue and AB3632 services. AB3632 services are mandated under federal law to provide a free, appropriate education to students with special needs in a least restrictive environment
- c) Increase the ability of youth to remain in school and be successfully engaged in the classroom
- d) Decreased mental health crises and psychosocial problems of youth in START
- e) Improved capacity of school staff to promote healthy development
- f) Increase the ability of all school staff to identify youth and families that may need mental health services

The positive outcomes of the START Program will be monitored and measured by the following:

- ✓ Number of youth and families enrolled in START mental health and substance abuse services
- ✓ Number of previously unserved youth and families enrolled in START
- ✓ Number of referrals to long-term mental health and substance abuse services
- ✓ Number of beneficiaries enrolled in services
- ✓ Classroom attendance
- ✓ Number of suspensions
- ✓ Number of expulsions
- ✓ Number of days in juvenile hall
- ✓ Number of hospital admissions

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- ✓ Number of out-of-home placements and out-of-county placements
- ✓ Number of incidents of school violence between youth
- ✓ Number of crisis events responded to at schools
- ✓ Number of trainings, presentations and education events provided to school staff
- ✓ Number of referrals made to START by school personnel

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

The CADA contract and the FSA contract amendment is funded by a combination of Medi-Cal, Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), Healthy Families, AB3632, Realignment and Prevention funds. These sources are identified in the Adopted FY2006-07 Budget, Federal and State revenues, Medi-Cal Revenue Line Item 5404, EPSDT Revenue Line Item 5405, Healthy Families Revenue Line Item 5565, AB3632 Revenue Line Item 4339 and Realignment Revenue Line Item 4102 (page D-154 in the County Budget Book Children Services Division and D-158 Alcohol and Drug Programs). The proposed expenditures are included in the FY2006-07 budget for Professional and Special Services, Expenditure Line Item Account 7460. Execution of this contract will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

n/a

FTEs:

n/a

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of the contract and minute order to:

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services
ATTN: Jack Juntunen, Contracts Analyst
300 N. San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

- a) Contract with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) for FY 06/07 for the START Program.
- b) Contract amendment with Family Service Agency (FSA) for FY 06/07 for the START Program.

Authored by:

Jack Juntunen, Contracts Analyst