



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: 6-26-07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Douglas Barton, Interim Director
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services 681-5220
Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, Assistant Director, Administration
Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services 681-4092

SUBJECT: Jail Diversion Programs Grant Application

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

Consider recommendations regarding Targeted Capacity Expansion Grants for Jail Diversion Programs, as follows:

- a) Concur with the grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide funding for the CARES Jail Diversion Program, a short-term residential facility that serves as an alternative to incarceration for mentally ill offenders;
- b) Authorize the ADMHS Director or designee to negotiate on behalf of the County and to execute the necessary Grant Agreements and documents to receive funding.

Summary Text:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services requested applications for FY 2007 Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) Grants for Jail Diversion Programs. SAMHSA will award two grants of approximately \$361,500 annually for up to three years aimed at reducing incarceration of non-violent adult offenders with mental illnesses. In order to help alleviate Santa Barbara County's jail overcrowding problems, the grant application proposes a short term (5-10 days) residential stabilization facility for mentally ill offenders as an alternative to jail. This facility would be co-located at Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services' (ADMHS) Santa Maria CARES site.

Background:

Jail overcrowding has been a major issue confronting Santa Barbara County over recent years and reports have highlighted problems associated with the sizeable population of mentally ill inmates. While arrests of people with mental illness continue to increase, the resources to treat mentally ill offenders have not expanded at the same rate. In the first eight months of 2006, the Jail experienced an average of 1,500 bookings per month, and approximately 13% or 195 of these offenders had mental health problems. Furthermore, mentally ill offenders consistently make up about 13% of the jail's daily population (96 inmates). In FY 2005-06, ADMHS conducted 3,700 face-to-face mental health assessments of jail inmates, resulting in 1,904 admission episodes for 758 unduplicated clients with open mental health cases.

The purpose of the TCE program is to promote the transformation of systems to improve services for adults with mental illness involved in the justice system. The TCE Grants for Jail Diversion Programs provide communities the opportunity to address a key recommendation of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health 2003 report. The report promotes adoption of adult criminal justice diversion and re-entry strategies to avoid the unnecessary criminalization and extended incarceration of non-violent adult offenders with mental illnesses.

Santa Barbara County's proposed Crisis Jail Diversion Residential Facility will serve as an alternative to incarceration to stabilize and prepare individuals for community re-entry following jail. The program will provide assessment of mental health and co-occurring substance use issues, mental health crisis intervention and detoxification, psychiatric consultation, brief counseling and psychotherapy, access to medication support and evaluation. Clients will also receive intensive case management to assure smooth transition into long term treatment and use of needed ancillary services. The proposed program will be based in northern Santa Barbara County, whose residents comprise the highest proportion of main jail inmates (55%). Clients that present with mental health and/or co-occurring substance abuse problems will be referred to the program by law enforcement, court or jail systems. The program aims to divert 75% of the referred clients to treatment resources and, consequently, avoid booking and incarceration. The program is projected to be fully operational within three months and able to serve approximately 360 clients per year.

In light of ADMHS' fiscal constraints, the department is aggressively seeking out grant opportunities that will allow the department to bridge the gap between the demand for its core mental health services and its limited resources. ADMHS, faced with a short grant application deadline, and following the informal endorsement of and review of the grant by the Chief Executive's Office, seeks the Board's concurrence for the proposed program and authorization to execute required grant documents, should the County be awarded funding.

Performance Measure:

The Crisis Jail Diversion Residential Facility will provide services to an average of 360 individuals per year. Of these, a minimum of 324 (90%) will be diverted from the jail and avoid incarceration or hospitalization at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-</u> <u>Time</u>
General Fund		\$ 400,000.00	
State			
Federal - SAMHSA Grant	\$ -	\$ 361,500.00	
Federal - MediCal (FFP		\$ 300,000.00	
Fees			
Other: - In-kind		\$ 158,500.00	
Total	\$ -	\$ 1,220,000.00	\$ -

Narrative:

The total projected annual costs of the proposed CARES Jail Diversion Program are estimated at \$1,220,000, with the requested SAMHSA Grant funding approximately 54% of the total costs. As required by the grant, a variety of revenue sources have been identified to cover the remaining cost including Medi-Cal, In-kind and local matching funds. In the event that ADMHS is successful in securing these grant funds, a budget revision will be prepared to properly reflect this program in its operating budget.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) copy of the minute order to:

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Attachments:

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