



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: December 14, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **First Amendment to Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Mental Health Navigator 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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Good Samaritan Shelter (a local vendor), to provide Mental Health Navigator services, who currently assist in the pre-planning for pretrial release, coordinate services upon release, and support individuals with mental health issues released into the community while pending court proceedings which began on June 1, 2020 and will expire as amended on June 30, 2022, with an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$324,700; and
- B. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve subsequent line-item budget changes to Attachment B-1 of the Agreement in an amount not to exceed 10% of the stated line-item budgeted amounts for the service, as long as the total contract amount of the Agreement is not increased, and as long as the total budgeted amounts by the funding source are not exceeded; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities of funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

Through funding provided by the Judicial Council of California (JCC) in the form of a Pretrial Pilot Grant, beginning in June of 2021, Good Samaritan Shelter was selected and has provided case management services countywide to individuals exiting jail through two Mental Health Navigator positions. These positions assist in the pre-planning for pretrial release, coordinate services upon release, and support individuals with mental health challenges in being successful in the community pending resolution of their criminal matter. Good Samaritan began providing Mental Health Navigator case management and supportive services on June 1, 2020 and the current contract will end December 31, 2021. Probation recommends amending the contract to extend Mental Health Navigator positions through June 30, 2022.

Background:

In July of 2019, the Judicial Council of California awarded the Santa Barbara County Superior Court a grant to expand the Santa Barbara County Pretrial Program for the period of August 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021, and recently extended the grant through June 30, 2022. In partnership with Santa Barbara County Probation, the county's pretrial program was expanded to include risk assessments on all eligible inmates within twenty-four hours of admission to the jail and supervision of individuals released into the community while pending court proceedings.

In an effort to increase the safe and efficient release of arrested individuals with mental health challenges, two Mental Health Navigator positions were previously approved to provide countywide case management services. Following a Request for Proposal process which included priority consideration for organizations that have demonstrated countywide service delivery experience and an established history providing mental health supportive services to adult justice-involved individuals, Good Samaritan Shelter was selected. The two Mental Health Navigator positions may attend initial court hearings on designated individuals to provide information about service coordination in an effort to facilitate release on pretrial supervision pending criminal proceedings resolution. Additionally, they coordinate a "warm hand off" of individuals granted supervised pretrial release to mental health services providers, and provide or coordinate transportation to mental health services appointments and/or to obtain medications as appropriate. The Mental Health Navigator positions also follow up with mental health services providers, provide updates at subsequent court hearing, as needed, and accompany individuals to subsequent court dates.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Performance Measure:

The Agreement contains performance measures that target efforts to reduce recidivism.

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	\$ 163,662.00		\$ 324,700.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 163,662.00	\$ -	\$ 324,700.00

Narrative:

The attached Agreement for Mental Health Navigator Services is funded by the JCC Pretrial Pilot Grant. The grant funds are already appropriated and are not at risk. Execution of the Amended Agreement will not increase the General Fund Contribution to the Probation Department.

Key Contract Risks:

A risk assessment has been completed and key contract risks were not identified.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

No effect

FTEs:

No effect

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) fully signed original of the Amended Agreement to:
Christina Sibley, Fiscal Manager
Probation Department
117 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara CA 93101

Attachments:

Attachment A: Good Samaritan Shelter Mental Health Navigator FY2019-21 Amended Agreement
Attachment B: Good Samaritan Shelter Mental Health Navigator FY2019-21 Original Agreement

Authored by:

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