



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: June 20, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Beverly A. Taylor, Acting Chief Probation Officer, 882-3652
Contact Info: Brian Swanson, Probation Manager, 739-8606

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 – 2018 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, to youth in the Santa Maria and Lompoc geographic areas, and gender-specific group counseling services to female youth in the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Lompoc geographic areas, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$134,531 (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, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$69,294 (the "Agreement") (Attachment B); and
- C. 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 C).

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). Contractor provides individual and family counseling services to youth on probation and address a myriad of 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 are made to other service providers for additional services when appropriate. Contractor also co-facilitates 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 \$66,397 for these JJCPA program counseling services and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

Execution of the CADA Agreement includes \$69,294 for these JJCPA program counseling services and is a renewal of an existing Agreement.

In prior years the County contracted with both FSA and with Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center (SMVYFC) to provide gender-specific group counseling services to female youth. Effective July 1, 2017, SMVYFC will operate as a business component of FSA as the two organizations will be merging operations, with FSA remaining the legal business entity. FSA will continue to provide gender-specific group counseling services countywide. 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 County.

Execution of the FSA Agreement includes \$68,134 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 State funds to support prevention, intervention, suppression, or custody programs based on local needs and as approved by a local Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). The JJCC reviews local programs and funding, and oversees the development of a comprehensive multidisciplinary local plan that is periodically updated to reflect current information.

In addition to the counseling services requested under this contract, JJCPA funds four and a half (4.5) School Based Officers (SBOs) who supervise older (16-17) youth under probation supervision for a variety of offenses, and who are already justice system-involved and may have already participated in other types of interventions. Thirty-three percent (33%) of these youth are gang involved and sixty-six percent (66%) of these youth are assessed as high risk to re-offend (*FY 2015-2016 data*). Also funded

by JJCPA are two and a half (2.5) Early Intervention (EI) Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) who supervise a younger youth (under 16). These youth are first time offenders and are referred for less serious offenses. Twenty percent (22%) of these youth are gang involved and fifty-five percent (55%) are assessed as high risk to re-offend (*FY 2015-2016 data*). EI DPOs coordinate closely with contracted counselors providing life skills education or individual counseling to youthful offenders.

JJCPA also funds one and a half (1.5) Assessor positions through the Department of Behavioral Wellness. These clinicians provide mental health assessments of probation supervised youth at the request of a Probation Officer. This assessment describes a youth's current mental health status and identifies areas where treatment may be of benefit. In more severe cases, the assessments may identify a need for further evaluation with a full psychological evaluation. Assessments can be tailored to address specific issues or concerns, and inform case planning discussions.

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:

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- A. Ninety percent (90%) of youth deemed to be highest priority by Probation Officers will be contacted within three (3) business days of referral. Those considered in need of triage/referral activity will be contacted with triage/referral information within three (3) business days of referral.
- B. Ninety percent (90%) of youth deemed to be highest priority by Probation Officers will be scheduled to begin services five (5) business days after initial contact.

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- C. Ninety percent (90%) of youth will be contacted within three (3) business days of referral.
- D. Ninety-five percent (95%) of youth will be scheduled to begin services when the next group in that region begins.

Each identified vendor has a history of 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. To enhance monitoring of services, the performance measures now include specified measurements.

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		\$ 203,825.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 203,825.00	\$ -

Narrative:

Santa Barbara County’s JJCPA allocation for FY 2017-2018 is \$1,218,757. The County is using an additional \$478,135 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 attached Agreements are funded by the JJCPA (\$135,691) and SB163 (\$68,134), 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 2017-2018 Agreement (2 originals)

Attachment B: The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, FY 2017-2018 Agreement (2 originals)

Attachment C: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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CC:

Family Service Agency

Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse