

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

## **Agenda Number:**

# Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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**Department Name:** Probation

Department No.: 022

For Agenda Of: June 16, 2020
Placement: Administrative

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Tanja Heitman, Chief Probation Officer 805.882.3652

Director(s)

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**SUBJECT:** Contract with Good Samaritan Shelter for Mental Health Navigator Services

# **County Counsel Concurrence**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

# **Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Good Samaritan Shelter (a local vendor), to provide a Mental Health Navigator, who will 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 through beginning June 1, 2020 through December 2021, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$240,000; 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, the attached Agreement with the Good Samaritan Shelter will provide case management services countywide to individuals exiting jail through two Mental Health Navigator positions. These positions will 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.

#### **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. In partnership with Santa Barbara County Probation, the county's pretrial program has been 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 will 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 will 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 will 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 Navigator positions will also follow up with mental health services providers, provide updates at subsequent court hearing, as needed, and accompany the individual to subsequent court dates. Due to recent increase of jail releases onto Pretrial Supervision, many with significant mental health needs, Good Samaritan began providing Mental Health Navigator case management and supportive services on June 1, 2020.

## Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

#### **Performance Measure:**

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

#### **Fiscal Analysis:**

| Funding Sources                          | Current FY Cost: |           | Annualized On-going Cost: | <u>Total One-Time</u><br><u>Project Cost</u> |            |
|--|------------------|-----------|---------------------------|--|------------|
| General Fund<br>State<br>Federal<br>Fees | \$               | 13,156.00 |                           | \$   | 240,000.00 |
| Other:<br>Total                          | \$               | 13,156.00 | \$ -                      | \$   | 240,000.00 |

#### Narrative:

The attached Agreement for Mental Health Navigator Services is fully funded by the Pretrial Pilot Grant through the Judicial Council of California. The grant funds are already appropriated and are not at risk. Execution of the 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:**

<u>Legal Positions:</u> <u>FTEs:</u> No effect No effect

## **Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) fully signed original of the 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 Agreement

# **Authored by:**

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