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This agenda item needs a little bit more clarification -- this is a retro agreement -- have services already been provided that pertain to the \$200K? And if so, what was done & reported back by the vendor?

There should also be a bit more explanation as to where the county intends to go with this line of grant funding. This \$200K is the standard planning stage of this grant - after which there would be implementation monies. What services are we looking for? Where is the Sheriff's Dept falling short that we feel we need to actually create additional staff & resources? If we look at a nearby county such as Placer, they have taken in \$4M for implementation to include increased staff & training. Does the county intend to ask for MORE grant money (aka taxpayer money) for implementation?

My concern with this is that this particular grant is geared towards individuals 25 years & younger -- kids. This would specifically place these mobile crisis units nears schools. How will this impact parental rights? And who gets to decide what is a "crisis"? Especially....if you aren't including the Sheriff's Dept but may instead be utilizing these School Threat Assessment Teams?

Please keep in mind:

--We have a recent joint statement from the County Office of Ed and our Sheriff's Dept which stated they would be doing county-wide student assessments (tied to mental health funding)

--The state legislators just gutted a bill last week (AB99) that will outline what constitutes a threat at schools -- many items such as "motive", "inappropriate interests", "weapons access", and "concerned others". This is completely geared towards personal opinions of right vs wrong -- and will be used in a manner to implement conformity in the schools with whatever agenda is being pushed.

I know this is a lengthy comment to this agenda item, but I feel you need to give it a bit more thought & oversight that just throwing it on the Consent Calendar. This money has absolutely nothing to do with helping people.

Thx, Krista Grassi

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