

EL DORADO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nikki Moeszinger, Chief Fiscal Officer

DATE: July 5, 2022

RE: Retroactive Contract - Board Agenda Item # 22-0497 BHJIS

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a detailed timeline with justification as to the retroactive nature of the agreement with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Advocates for Human Potential's (AHP) Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS) Project for grant funding awarded to the Probation Department on February 28, 2022.

The BHJIS Project provides funding to help local communities address critical intervention points through which individuals with mental health and substance use disorders can be diverted from criminal justice involvement. Funds may be used for a wide array of collaborative planning and development activities, training, implementation, reentry support, and diversion strategies.

The Probation Department will use the funding for connections to treatment, thereby reducing justice system involvement for individuals with substance use disorders and/or serious mental illness. This will be achieved through staffing with partner agencies to routinely collect, input, and analyze required data elements as part of usual business operations; and developing a technology plan and scope of work that will enable system partners to receive real-time notifications of individuals with a positive mental health screen who are booked into custody. In El Dorado County, the Project is expected to impact the 1,500 people with behavioral health concerns booked into jail annually and ensure that the 127 people booked into custody four or more times are identified at booking and referred to treatment services. It will seek to reduce the proportion of juvenile probationers who subsequently become adult probationers (50%) by providing earlier linkages to treatment services.

On December 9, 2021, the Probation Department was notified of the grant opportunity for the BHJIS project. The application documents were submitted on December 22, 2021. BHJIS delivered the funding award letter to the Probation Department on February 28, 2022, for the Grant Period of February 15, 2022, through February 14, 2023, noting the grant period would be retroactive. During the March 4, 2022, Instructional Webinar provided by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Advocates for Human Potential (AHP), stated that each agency would receive a contract template. The Department moved forward with seeking Board Approval to accept the grant funding on April 5, 2022. On April 27, 2022, the Department received the contract template. After review and negotiation between agencies, the agreement was entered into FENIX workflow and completed County Counsel Review on June 14, 2022.

The grant agreement is set to go before the Board of Supervisors on July 19, 2022.



Brian J. Richart, Chief Probation Officer