## Memo

To:

**Board of Supervisors** 

From:

Supervisor Ron Briggs

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Terri Daly, CAO

Date:

8/15/2011

Re:

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 – Agenda Items 6, 7 and 8

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The Board of Supervisors, on a regular basis, authorizes the execution of Agreements and Amendments to Agreements for services from a variety of vendors for programs and services provided to the clients of the Probation, Mental Health and Human Services Department. These contracts, which amount to millions of dollars each year, typically provide services for two or all three of these departments.

As part of my efforts to have a greater understanding of the programs and services, the sources of funding and the degree of overlap between departments, I requested a database report from each of these three departments. The focus was specifically on contracts for services to the clients, such as treatment facilities, group homes/ranches and programs that provide mental health, behavioral health and drug treatment. I have attached copies of the reports.

On Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, I intend to pull items 6, 7 and 8 from the Consent Calendar as examples for a brief discussion on this topic.

I am not pulling these items because I have concerns about the validity of the contracts or the services. I am pulling the items because I believe that as we prepare for the upcoming discussions on the budget and realignment, it is our responsibility to have an absolute understanding of how the funds for these programs are being spent.