



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Health Services Department recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 120-162-P-N2010 with California Superior Court of El Dorado County for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 to provide continued Teen Court services.

**FUNDING:** Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT).

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$0
Funding		
Budgeted	\$0	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$0	
Total Funding Available	\$0	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no Net County Cost associated with this MOU. The Alcohol and Drug Program staff participation in this program is supported by SAPT Prevention Set-Aside funding through the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs agreement.

Background: The El Dorado Collaborative Justice Juvenile Drug Court began November 1, 2002, working with youths age 13-17 and their families to address the high incidence of alcohol/drug abuse among juveniles in the County. This very successful program has provided family-centered services for the past seven years.

Teen Youth Court is a diversion program of the juvenile court, where juvenile offenders choose to be judged and sentenced by their peers after admitting to having committed offenses. The program is a collaborative effort involving the Health Services Department, Probation Department, District Attorney, Sheriff's Department and the Superior Court. Students recruited from high schools serve as jurors, prosecutors, defense attorneys, bailiffs, and court clerks. Adult attorneys from the community serve as mentors to the youth attorneys and a Superior Court Judge presides over the hearings. Sentences recommended by the juries include supportive and punitive measures.

This program has been highly successful in addressing teen alcohol and drug issues, with a successful completion rate of 85% through the collaborative efforts of the Superior Court, County departments and the community.

Compensation for Services: There is no remuneration associated this MOU.

Contract Termination: This MOU contains a fiscal out clause in the event SAPT funding is reduced or eliminated. In addition, either party may terminate the MOU with thirty (30) days written notice.

Retroactive Term: This MOU has a term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The development and processing of this MOU required verification of SAPT funding availability resulting in delay to the execution of the MOU.

Reason for Recommendation: This MOU provides for the continuation of the Teen Youth Court program.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

- 1) Chair to sign three (3) original Memorandums of Understanding 120-162-P-N2010.
- 2) Board Clerk's Office to return two (2) signed MOUs to Department.
- 3) Department to distribute documents as appropriate.

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Concurrences: County Counsel & Risk Management