



Legislation Text

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Probation Department recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement 043-S1711 with Tahoe Youth and Family Services in an amount not to exceed \$319,000 for a term of three years to provide Program Therapist (s) or Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor(s) for counseling and support, on an "as needed" basis, to the Probation Department Juvenile Detention Facility in South Lake Tahoe; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 043-S1711, including future amendments which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

FUNDING: Juvenile Probation Camp Funding/General Fund.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Probation recommends the Board approve Agreement for Services 043-S1711 with Tahoe Youth and Family Services, to provide Program Therapist(s) or Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Counselor(s) for counseling and support, on an "as needed" basis, to the Probation Department Juvenile Detention Facility in South Lake Tahoe.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Tahoe Youth and Family Services has provided services for the Probation Department since 2006 and the proposed rate is within or below rates charged by similar service providers within the County.

Tahoe Youth and Family Services provide "Program Therapist(s) or AOD Counselor(s)" for counseling, services and support to the Probation Department Juvenile Detention Facility in South Lake Tahoe. Counseling services will include individual and group counseling, family reunification services, Lifeskills, MRT, drug and alcohol counseling, anger management and crisis response.

In FY 2015/2016 HHS-A- Mental Health Division notified Probation that they would no longer have the capacity to provide services to the Probation Juvenile Detention facilities. Based on the ongoing need to provide service to this population of youth it has become necessary to engage an independent contractor. The Board is asked to determine, in accordance with County Ordinance Section 3.13.030, it is more economical and feasible to engage an independent contractor for therapeutic counseling and substance abuse services on an as needed basis.

Probation maintains agreements with multiple vendors, including Tahoe Youth and Family Services, for the provision of therapeutic counseling and related services to ensure that clients can be referred on an "as requested" basis to receive necessary, and in some cases, Court-mandated services from the most appropriate and conveniently located vendor. Choice of vendor is based upon the specific needs of each individual client.

ALTERNATIVES

Disapproval of Agreement for Services 043-S1711 will result in difficulty in meeting the service

demands of the community, as well as disrupt the progress and continuity of care for clients currently receiving services from this vendor.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Approve the department's recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact or change to Net County Cost associated with this Agreement. Sufficient appropriations were included in the fiscal year 2016-17 proposed budget, and will be included in future budgets for the term of the Agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

1. Clerk of the Board to obtain the signature of the Chair on two (2) originals of Agreement No. 043-S1711.
2. Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed Agreement to Probation at 3974 Durock Road, STE 205, Shingle Springs.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

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