

Legislation Text

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Human Services Department, Social Services Division, recommending the Board receive and file Fiscal Year 2006/2007 SB 163 Wraparound Program Summary of Activities and Outcomes Report demonstrating the effectiveness of said Program, prepared and submitted in accordance with provisions of the County's Final Response to the Grand Jury 2005-2006 Mid-Session Final Report. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve.

FUNDING: The SB 163 Wraparound Program is funded through an Allocation from California Department of Social Services, with General Fund Match. This report was prepared by staff with no additional direct program costs.

BUDGET SUMMARY:	
Total Estimated Cost	\$ 0.00
Funding	
Budgeted	\$
New Funding	\$
Savings	\$
Other	\$
Total Funding Available	\$
Change To Net County Cost	\$ 0.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No change.

Background:

In 2001 El Dorado County established an SB 163 Wraparound Program to provide community and family-based services to certain at-risk youth as an alternative to institutional care. The Wraparound Program utilizes State and County resources, normally used to fund institutional care, to develop and implement services designed to keep at-risk youth at home or in their home communities. By late 2004 it was determined that there were problems with the manner in which El Dorado County's Wraparound Program had been established and was being administered. A two-year period of very low expenditures had resulted in a substantial Wraparound Program trust fund balance. While valuable services were being provided, the need for improvements to program and fiscal planning became evident.

The Grand Jury 2005-2006 Mid-year Report addressed these concerns with recommendations of a December 2005 Harvey M. Rose Accountancy Corporation audit for better management of the program, including plan amendments designed to strengthen program infrastructure and the delivery of services to the community. In February 2006 the Board approved a proposal to

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implement recommended changes to the program, including a transfer of administrative and fiscal responsibility to the Department of Human Services.

A revised El Dorado County SB 163 Wraparound Plan was approved by the Board on September 26, 2006 that incorporated audit recommendations and clarified the redefined roles of the Departments of Human Services and Mental Health. It is representative of the actual operations and goals of the SB 163 Wraparound Program and is in compliance with recommendations for improved administrative oversight, accountability and organizational structure for the program, as well as fidelity to State best practice guidelines for Wraparound services. These changes incorporated and reflect a multi-agency commitment to community based interventions for at-risk youth and their families as well as allocation of remaining resources to discretionary child welfare activities that are designed to reduce the incidence of at-risk youth in our community.

Reason for Recommendation:

The SB 163 Wraparound Program FY 2006/07 Summary of Activities and Outcomes responds to Recommendations 2.4 and 4.1 of the Grand Jury 2005-2006 Mid-Session Final Report and the County's commitment to prepare a summary evaluation of program and cost effectiveness, including specified data and statistics, for annual review by the Board of Supervisors, with quarterly progress reports to the Interagency Advisory Council. The report clearly demonstrates the success of the SB 163 Wraparound Program in implementing Program goals in a cost-effective manner during FY 2006/07. With submission of this report for Board review, all recommendations of the 2005-2006 Mid -Session Final Grand Jury Report have been addressed. The relevant County response to the Grand Jury Report is attached for reference. Human Services will continue to present an annual summary of SB 163 Wraparound Program activities and outcomes.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Board Clerk to receive and file the SB 163 Wraparound Program FY 2006/07 Summary of Activities and Outcomes Report

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Concurrences: N/A