



Legislation Text

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Probation Department recommending the Board:

- 1) Make findings in accordance with County ordinance 3.13.030 that it is more economical and feasible to contract out for Program Therapists or Alcohol or Other Drug Counselors for services and support to the Probation Department;
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement 3953 with Tahoe Youth and Family Services in an amount not to exceed \$811,050.00 for a term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 to provide Program Therapist(s) or Alcohol or Other Drug Counselor(s) for counseling and support, on an "as needed" basis, to the Probation Department Juvenile Detention Facility and Field Office in South Lake Tahoe; and
- 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 3953, 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.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Tahoe Youth and Family Services have provided services to youth in custody with the Probation Department since 2006. Tahoe Youth and Family Services provide "Program Therapist(s) or Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor(s)" for counseling, services and support to the Probation Department Juvenile Detention Facility in South Lake Tahoe. Counseling services include individual and group counseling, family reunification services, Life skills, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, drug and alcohol counseling, anger management and crisis response.

In FY 2015-2016 HHSA- Mental Health Division notified Probation that they intended to eliminate all services to the Probation Juvenile Detention facilities. Based on the ongoing need to provide service to this population of youth, it became necessary to engage an independent contractor. HHSA determined, in accordance with County Ordinance Section 3.13.030, that 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 3953 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.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve, noting that the contract is for "as needed" services and costs will be based on actual utilization of the services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact or change to Net County Cost associated with this Agreement. Sufficient appropriations were included in the fiscal year 2019-2020 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 3953.
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

N/A

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