



Legislation Text

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Health Services Department recommending the Board approve the Driving Under the Influence application for Tahoe Turning Point to seek a license with the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to provide counseling and education services for South Lake Tahoe clients who have been convicted of a Driving Under the Influence offense.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no Net County Cost associated with this item.

Background: Title 9 of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Chapter 3, Section 9810 provides that the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator shall review all license applications presented for persons or organizations interested in providing drinking driver program services. If the Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator finds the application meets the criteria outlined in Title 9 CCR Section 9804, then the Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator may request the County Board of Supervisors review and approve said application for submission to the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for final approval.

Tahoe Turning Point, Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation qualified as a tax exempt organization under Title 26 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.501 (c) (3), has been providing Group Home Residential Care services for adolescents placed there by Child Protective Services or the Courts since 1999. Tahoe Turning Point has highly qualified staff including eight (8) certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors, a Marriage and Family Therapist, and a certified bilingual Counselor. Tahoe Turning Point has received inquiries from the community requesting DUI counseling and education services, and Tahoe Turning Point is now seeking licensure to provide said services.

The Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator has reviewed Tahoe Turning Point's application including policies, procedures, program descriptions, and staffing plan, and has also performed a site visit to ensure compliance with Title 9 regulations. Upon completion of the site visit and application review, it is the recommendation of the Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator, on behalf of the Health Services Department, that the Board approve Tahoe Turning Point's application for submission to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for consideration of DUI Program licensing.

Reason for Recommendation:

In the event that the State approves this application for DUI Program services licensing, the County of El Dorado will have an additional qualified, licensed DUI Program available to provide alcohol education and counseling services for those individuals in violation of Vehicle Code Sections 13353.2, 23152, and 23153; and those individuals in violation of Harbor and Navigation Code Section 655 (b - f).

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1. Chair to sign two (2) original letters of approval for submission of application to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.
2. Board Clerk's Office to return one (1) original signed letter of approval to Department.

3. Department to submit letter and application to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

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Concurrences: This letter has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.