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AGENDA: March 28, 2006

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: Approval to Apply for Alcohol and Drug Grant Funds

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency (HSA) requests your Board's approval to submit two grant applications, one to the First Five Santa Cruz County for approximately \$45,000 for assessment, referral, case management and parenting education for families involved with Child Welfare Services, and one to the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for \$300,000 per year for three years for outpatient adolescent drug treatment.

First Five Commission

On January 25, 2006 First Five Santa Cruz County issued a request for proposals for the 2006-07 grants cycle for services including promotion of positive parenting practices. The HSA Alcohol and Drug Program currently contracts with First Five for \$33,000 annually to provide assessment, referral and case management services for approximately 25 families per year with children age 0 to 3 who are in out-of-home placement due to child abuse or neglect that is related to their parents' abuse of alcohol and drugs. The funding supports a 0.4 FTE Mental Health Client Specialist in the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program. The funding for this position will expire on June 30, 2006 unless First Five renews the existing grant. HSA requests your Board's approval to submit a grant application to continue First Five funding for this position, and to augment the funding to include a sub-contract for approximately \$12,000 with Jane Weed-Pomerantz to provide an eight-week series of parenting classes designed specifically for parents of young children who are in early recovery. HSA currently contracts with Ms. Weed-Pomerantz to conduct these parenting classes with families who are participating in the Dependency Drug Court, and has found the parenting classes to be a very effective adjunct to drug treatment services for this population.

The HSA Alcohol and Drug Program is developing this proposal in consultation with the Dependency Drug Court Steering Committee, which includes representatives from the Superior Court, Human Resources Agency Child Welfare Services, County Counsel, parents' attorneys, and treatment provider agencies. The proposal is due on April 3, 2006. The grant proposal will not require any new net County cost. If awarded the funds, HSA will return to your Board for approval to include the funding in the 2006-07 budget.

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

In January 2006, the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) issued a request for proposals for \$300,000 per year for three years to provide outpatient individual and family drug treatment services for adolescents. The HSA Alcohol and Drug Program has worked closely with Children's Mental Health, Probation, Youth Services, Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance (PVPSA), and the University of California, San Francisco to develop a grant proposal that will provide the 12 to 16-week structured cognitive behavioral treatment curricula prescribed by CSAT to approximately 50 teens and families per year. The proposed services would fill an important gap in the current adolescent continuum of treatment for teens referred by schools and Probation whose drug problems are too severe to be served in existing 2 to 4 session Student Assistance Program early intervention services, and who are not in need of more intensive day treatment, wraparound or residential treatment services. If awarded the grant funds, HSA will return to your Board for approval to accept the funds and approve contracts with Youth Services and PVPSA for treatment services, and with UC San Francisco for program evaluation services. The grant proposal will include funding to offset County indirect and administrative costs, and will not require any increase in HSA's net County cost. The proposal is due to CSAT on March 29, 2006.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Health Services Agency to submit a grant proposal to First Five Santa Cruz County for approximately \$45,000 to provide assessment, referral, case management and parenting classes for parents of children involved with Child Welfare Services; and
2. Authorize the Health Services Agency to submit a grant proposal to the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for \$300,000 per year for three years for outpatient drug treatment services for adolescents and their families.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D., Director
Health Services Agency

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Auditor Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration