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AGENDA: April 13, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean St.,
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SUBJECT: DRUG TREATMENT FOR PROBATION YOUTH IN SOUTH COUNTY

Dear Board Members:

Background:

On March 2, 1999, your Board reviewed and approved the grant to expand and renovate Juvenile Hall. As part of the Board's action on that date, it was recommended that the Health Services Agency prepare a report on the feasibility and costs associated with development of a drug residential treatment program for Probation Youth residing in South County. Currently options for these youth are ranch camps or group homes with mixed results in terms of outcomes.

A prior Board study of Juvenile Hall overcrowding recommended development of a program in South County similar to the Redwoods Treatment Program at Juvenile Hall. While this new program has not been included in HSA budget requests due to funding limitations and problems with identification of a feasible location, HSA staff continue to explore fiscal, operational, and programmatic components of this program.

At your March 2, 1999, meeting your Board requested additional analysis of the South County program option designed to serve juvenile offenders.

Report:

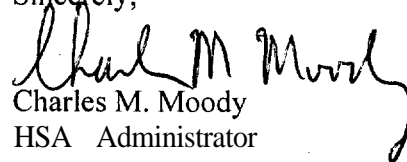
The Health Services Agency has been exploring a number of site options in South County. Because site development and costs associated with construction and renovation are significant for a program of this type, it is essential to identify and analyze site options before a full-cost proposal can be developed. Given Mental Health's years of experience operating the Redwoods program, a program budget for a South County facility could be developed

based on actual program experience in the Redwoods program. The site analysis now underway is expected to be completed by Budget Hearings. As this is such an important element of the program and budget, it is essential to complete this before a full report can be made to your Board.

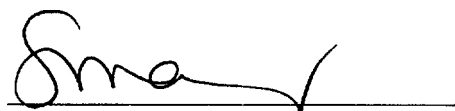
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Accept and file the report on development of a program proposal and budget for a Probation residential treatment program in South County; and
2. Direct the Health Services Agency to report back on this subject as part of the Budget Hearings in June, 1999.

Sincerely,


Charles M. Moody
HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
MI-I and DADPA Administration