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AGENDA: June 15, 1999

Board of Supervisors
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Authorization for Health Services Agency to Complete Contract Negotiations for Court Ward Dual Diagnosis Day Treatment Program to be Effective July 1, 1999.

Dear Members of the Board:

In December 1998, your Board approved a resolution to contract for up to \$38,860 with an appropriate provider for twelve group home beds including a Day Treatment component, targeting treatment of Probation youth currently placed out of county. This resolution was part of a broader set of recommendations put forth by the County High Risk Drug Task Force (information on the ten-bed Voluntary Dual Diagnosis program will be reported to your Board separately). An update and report back on progress was presented to your Board in February 1999.

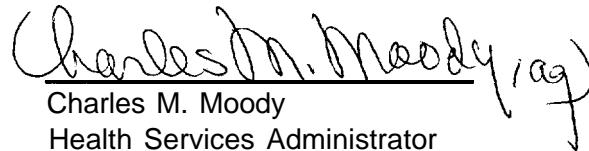
Since that time, a Letter of Intent to Apply was sent out to all area residential providers who might be interested in submitting a proposal for the Court Ward Dual Diagnosis Day Treatment program. Palomares Group Homes was the only interested applicant, and has already been working closely with Mental Health and the Probation Department to begin serving several Santa Cruz County wards in their residential program.

Palomares and Mental Health have come to a tentative agreement for the new Day Treatment component on budget, scope of service, program description and activities. Palomares has also responded to specific Cultural Competency provisions in program design and staffing. The proposed contract will be effective July 1, 1999 although your Board will not be able to approve it until August after the July recess. Your Board has already appropriated sufficient funds for this contract.

It is RECOMMENDED that your Board:

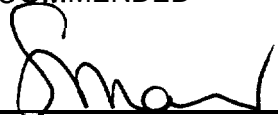
1. Direct Health Services Agency to complete contract negotiations with Palomares Group Homes for a Twelve-Bed Dual Diagnosis Day Treatment Program effective July 1, 1999, the final contract to be authorized retroactively on August 3, 1999 when the Board resumes meeting.

Sincerely,


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Health Services Administrator

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RECOMMENDED



Susan Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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County Counsel
HSA Administration
Auditor-Controller
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services