



County of Santa Cruz

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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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July 27, 1999

AGENDA: August 10, 1999

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

SUBJECT: Adolescent Residential Treatment Services

Dear Board Members:

On May 18, 1999, your Board approved the release of a request for proposals for a 1 O-bed residential treatment facility for alcohol and drug abusing youth who are not Court wards. Your Board instructed the Health Services Agency (HSA) to report back on August 10th with recommendations for a provider of services.

Proposals were submitted by Janus of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center. The proposals were reviewed by a committee consisting of a representative of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, a community member, and staff from the HSA Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program.

The review committee unanimously recommended the proposal submitted by Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, based on the Counseling Center's extensive organizational experience and thorough discussion of adolescent treatment, cultural competence, group home licensure, and billing for Short Doyle Medical and Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care revenues.

In its proposal, the Counseling Center noted potential difficulties in locating a facility suitable for a 10-bed program, and obtaining needed use permits. Consequently, they committed to opening a six-bed facility (which will not require a use permit) by March 2000, and either expanding the 6-bed facility or securing a new 1 O-bed facility by January 2001. HSA Mental Health and Substance

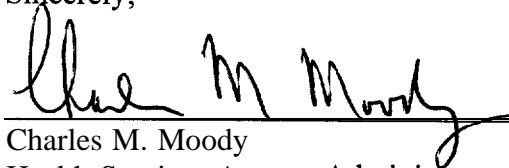
Abuse Program staff will work closely with the Counseling Center to explore additional options for opening a 10-bed facility sooner.

As indicated in the RFP, a total of \$880,333 is available for the program on an annual basis, including \$275,000 of Short Doyle Mental Health Medi-Cal, \$438,333 of Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care, and \$167,000 of County general fund match. Based upon the mid-year start of the proposed program, it is anticipated that the 1999-00 contract amount will be substantially less than the annual allocation. Actual funding will be dependent on the outcome of contract negotiations which will include emphasis on the availability of non-County revenue. Funding for the program is provided in the adopted 1999-00 County budget.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

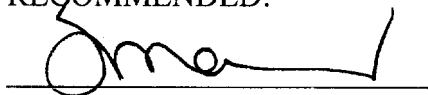
1. Authorize the Health Services Agency to negotiate a contract with the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center for adolescent residential treatment services, and return for approval of the contract on September 14, 1999.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Moody
Health Services Agency Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Auditor Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program
Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator
Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center