



County of Santa Cruz

0033

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 1812, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95061-1812

(831) 454-2150 FAX: (831) 454-3035

JOHN P. RHOADS
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
November 5, 1999

Agenda: November 16, 1999

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

Approve Probation Department Participation in Annie E. Casey Foundation Supported Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Training and Detention Reform Program

Dear Board Members:

The Probation Department is providing information to your Board regarding preliminary discussions that have occurred with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The Foundation is interested in providing funding to the Department in the amount of \$75,000 per year, for two years for support of a training series and detention reform activities.

In December 1992, the Annie E. Casey Foundation of Baltimore, Maryland, a charitable philanthropy with a historical commitment to juvenile justice reform, launched a multi-year, multi-site project known as the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). JDAI's purpose was to demonstrate that jurisdictions could establish more effective and cost efficient systems to accomplish the purpose of juvenile detention. Sacramento County was selected as one of the five initial sites, where Probation Chief John Rhoads was a participant. Since moving to Santa Cruz County, Mr. Rhoads has maintained his relationship with the Casey Foundation and has imported the JDAI reform elements to Santa Cruz County.

Recently, the Casey Foundation solicited an informal proposal from the Probation Department for foundation funding of a training series aimed at building competency among local practitioners in treatment and service approaches that would support reform efforts, including disproportionate minority confinement. The proposed funding would support all training expenditures, including payments for experts in selected topics. The training series would be open to staff from Probation's partner agencies and community-based organizations.

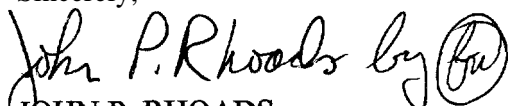
In addition to the training series, the Casey Foundation is proposing that the Probation Department act as a model site for other jurisdictions interested in implementing detention reform. To the extent that the Department incurs any expenses stemming from hosting visits from other jurisdictions interested in learning about our detention reform efforts, the proposed funds would be available to offset those costs.

It is likely that the Casey Foundation's Board will approve funding at their next meeting in November. This approval is possible without the submission of a formal proposal because this funding is being forwarded by JDAI's project director from existing project funds. If approved, the Probation Department will return to your Board with a formal agreement and a request to accept and appropriate this unanticipated revenue.

Board of Supervisors Agenda: November 16, 1999
Approve Participation in Annie E. Casey Foundation Project
Page 2

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board authorize the Probation Department to participate in the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Training and Detention Reform program.

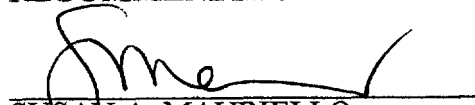
Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John P. Rhoads in cursive, followed by a circled 'fn'.

JOHN P. RHOADS
Chief Probation Officer

JPR: JAC:fn

RECOMMENDED:

Handwritten signature of Susan A. Mauriello in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Probation Department