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AGENDA: February 15, 2000

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

RE: Report on Adolescent Drug Treatment Program for Youth-not in the
Criminal Justice System

Dear Board Members:

Background:

Beginning in June of 1998, your Board provided direction to various county departments to develop a plan and recommendations to fill critical gaps for adolescents with drug addiction problems. On December 14th, your Board accepted a report on the progress of the voluntary drug treatment center for youth. This report identified a temporary site for the program to open in the spring of 2000 and proposed study of a long-term site at the prior San Andreas Road location of Sunflower Youth Services. The contractor selected to operate this program, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center (SCCCC), is on schedule to open the program by April, 2000. It is anticipated the program will be at the current site in South County for two years.

SCCCC is working with the State Department of Community Care Licensing to get the necessary approvals to open the program. This includes physical plant modifications, hiring and training of staff, development and approval of their foster care rate, approval of their day treatment program and rate, and certification of their onsite school. At this time, SCCC expects that the budget approved by your Board for this program will be sufficient to fully fund operations this fiscal year. Staff will continue to review the financing of the program as operations begin in order to plan for the full year financing needs for FY 2000/2001.

Long Term Facility Options for Drug Treatment Services:

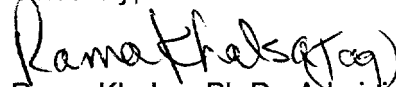
Your Board also directed staff to return with additional analysis of long term placement options for the program including additional review of the county owned site on San Andreas Road. Identifying an appropriate permanent site for this facility involves conducting a thorough analysis of the San Andreas site while concurrently evaluating alternate sites that meet the basic program needs. Over the past month, County staff has met with Planning staff to better assess the land use issues associated with the use of the San. Andreas Road site. Staff has also continued to work with real estate brokers to assess potential alternative sites. Additional time is needed to further assess all available options for this very important program. Staff anticipates completing this work within 90 days.

Recommendations:

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Accept and file this report on the status of the site assessment of the County owned property on San Andreas Road; and
2. Direct HSA to return to the Board on or before May 23, 2000 with further recommendations concerning the use of the San Andreas Road site.

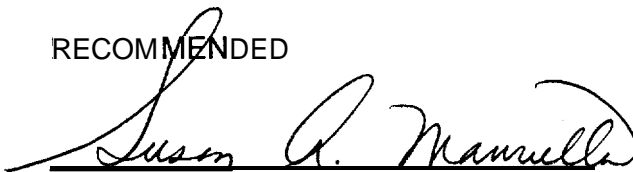
Sincerely,



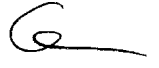
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RECOMMENDED



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County Administrative Officer



cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration
County Mental Health & Alcohol and Drug Services