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County of Santa Cruz

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

May 28,2002 AGENDA: June 11,2002

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

SUBJECT: Application for Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Funds

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency (HSA) is requesting your Board's approval to submit a grant application to the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) for funding for adolescent residential alcohol and drug treatment and aftercare services.

If funded, the application will provide for up to \$500,000 per year for up to three years. **HSA** Alcohol and Drug Program staff has been meeting with Probation, Children's Mental Health, and representatives from the two community-based adolescent residential alcohol and drug treatment providers, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center (Tyler House) and Unity Care, to develop the grant application. In addition, youth and their families who are involved in residential treatment are being interviewed to provide a youth and family perspective on service needs.

The application is in the process of development, and is due to CSAT on June 19, 2002. The focus of the application will be on strengthening continuity of care after discharge from residential treatment, linking youth and their families to aftercare services necessary to maintain the gains achieved while in residential treatment, and improving the quality of treatment through training and standardized assessment and treatment protocols. Staffing for the enhanced services will include a combination of County and contract provider positions. In developing the application, HSA is mindful of proposed reductions in State funding for these services. HSA will forward a final copy of the application to the Clerk of the Board upon completion.

If awarded, funding is anticipated to begin in October 2002. This grant will not result in any new net County cost. Support for administrative costs associated with the program will be included in the grant application. If funded, HSA will return to your Board to accept and appropriate the grant funds into the 2002103 budget.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Health Services Agency to submit an application to the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for up to \$500,000 per year for up to three years to support enhancement of residential alcohol and drug treatment services for adolescents.

Sincerely,

Rama Khaisa, Ph.D.

Health Services Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello

County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer

Auditor Controller County Counsel HSA Administration

Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator