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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY  
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August 20, 2002

**AGENDA: September 10, 2002**

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

**RE: • Approval to Submit SAMHSA Jail Diversion Grant**

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency (HSA) requests your Board's approval to submit a grant application to the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for funding for a jail diversion program for mentally ill offenders. If funded, the SAMHSA grant will provide up to \$300,000 per year for up to four years.

This program will focus on expanding local services to mentally ill offenders, community outreach, service linkage between Mental Health and various agencies, and program evaluation. Goals of the jail diversion program will be to support community diversion treatment based on a "best practices" model, further interagency collaboration, and engage in an analysis of multi-agency policies regarding mentally ill offenders.

Mental Health staff have met with representatives from the Sheriffs Office, Probation, Santa Cruz City Police Department, the Criminal Justice Council and the Alcohol & Drug Program to develop the grant application. Upon completion of the grant application, HSA will forward a final copy to be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

If awarded, funding is anticipated to begin in October 2003. The grant requires an annual match of \$100,000, which will be met through existing in-kind expenditures and will not result in any new net county cost. If funded, HSA will return to your Board to accept and appropriate the grant funds into the 2003/04 budget.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:


1. Authorize the Health Services Agency to submit a grant application to SAMHSA for up to \$300,000 per year for up to four years for the implementation of a jail diversion program for mentally ill offenders.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa  
Health Services Agency Director

RECOMMENDED



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Susan Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer  
Auditor Controller  
County Counsel  
HSA Administration  
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration