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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Linda OHara for Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer
Probation
REPORT BY: Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager, 253-4126
SUBJECT: Napa County Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests acceptance of a report regarding the 2005-06 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act which supports the STAR (Success Through Acting Responsibly) Program at the Juvenile Justice Center mandated by Government Code 30061.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Crime Prevention Act of 2000 created by AB 1913, has been retitled the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. Napa County's program plan as approved by the Napa County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the Board of Supervisors, and Correction Standard Authority (CSA) is a program which focuses service delivery on wards, particularly those who will be placed in juvenile hall. STAR (Success Through Acting Responsibly) is a delinquency intervention program designed to increase the competencies of juvenile probationers and their families so that they successfully complete probation, do not re-offend, and repair any harm to the victim. The program includes the IMPACT program (a 30 day physical fitness and positive decision making skills program), Thinking for a Change (group treatment), Victim Impact Awareness classes as well as other programming in the Juvenile Hall and available for minors once released from the hall.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Government Code 30061(b)(4)(E)(i) states that each county shall report to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Corrections (now Corrections Standards Authority), in a format specified by the Corrections Standards Authority, on the programs funded pursuant to this chapter and program outcomes that are specified in subparagraph (C). These outcome areas include arrest rate, completion of probation rate, incarceration rate, rate of completion of restitution, rate of completion of court ordered community service and the probation violation rate.

As required, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council will review this same report at the meeting on October 18, 2006.

This program is designed to meet the service needs of at risk youth that the department is serving in Juvenile Hall. These funds will be used to fund two Probation Officer positions and two Social Worker positions which will provide intensive services to minors and their families. Services include treatment groups, the IMPACT Program, Parents Project and Victim Impact Awareness classes. Some of the remaining allocated funds will be used to fund counseling services and substance abuse services provided by the Wolfe Center. This allocation is reviewed mid-year and if there are staff vacancies or other salary savings the money is allocated to additional services for the wards.

In looking at the mandated outcomes, the program did well in all areas. For this population of 99 youth, there were .41 arrests per youth on average prior to being in the program. This was reduced to .20 after services had been provided. In the program incarceration is defined as camp placement - none of the 99 youth were placed in a camp. Within 6 months of entry into the program, 60% of the youth completed probation. This year, 87% of youth completed their community service hours and 68% of the youth completed their restitution.

Additionally, the program measures risk factors. For this population, 62% of the youth had moderate problems with education (school attendance, behavior issues) prior to services. After services, this was reduced to 45%. Fifty two percent of the youth had high risk problems in the area of use of recreation and leisure time. This was reduced to 29% after services.

Funding for the program was budgeted in Fiscal Year 2005-06 at \$373,117. This number was based on the State allocation and a projection of \$10,000 in interest. The program underspent the allocated funds by \$20,585 due to an unexpected increase in interest of \$4,000 and staff vacancy and medical leaves. Mid-year, it was determined there would be additional monies available for services in the community and an additional \$15,000 was added to the contract for Wolfe Center for substance abuse treatment services.

Overall, this program has been successful. It reduces the recidivism in the youth that it serves, and produced measurable changes in their risk factors. There is room for improvement. The changes, including having programs at the court school sites and with non-profit agencies, will increase the amount of treatment each youth and family receives and link service delivery with the school system and local providers. This linkage will help reinforce the concepts that these youth are taught and result in life long behavioral changes.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . FY 05-06 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Report

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi