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A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer
Probation
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Julie Truschel

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign an Agreement with Julie Truschel for a maximum of \$25,200 for the term December 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015, with automatic rollover provisions, to assist the Probation Department in developing and developing a quality assurance plan and process for evidence based practices.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Agreement provides consultation/technical assistance and training with the Department in the implementation, operations and quality assurance of evidence-based practices (EBP) to risk/recidivism reduction. These services include facilitating an Outcomes Measures Group committee ensuring the eight guiding principles of EBP are developed, implemented, monitored and measured; assist in full compliance of case plan reviews; providing on site and telephone consultation on EBP processes to ensure the department is providing consistency and quality in our services; and professional development in EBP.

Julie Truschel is not a local vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Probation

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to have this specific agreement. However, the county receives funding through AB 109 Realignment for these purposes.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The term of this agreement ends June 30, 2015, however there is an automatic renewal feature not to exceed two (2) additional fiscal years ending on June 30, 2017. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future.
Consequences if not approved:	If the Agreement is not approved, the Department may not be implementing evidence-based practices that are measurable to desired outcomes for each of the eight guiding principles for risk/recidivism reduction.
Additional Information:	

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

Julie Truschel has been working with the Probation department since 2012 to develop and implement a Quality Assurance plan and process to implement Probation Department evidence-based practices (EBP) programs. These programs are aimed at reducing recidivism among individuals under probation or post-release supervision. EBP plays a great role in rehabilitation, specific deterrence, and incapacitation. As the Department continues to move towards full implementation of the eight guiding principles listed below, Ms. Truschel's continued services are needed to ensure programs are carried out efficiently, effectively and have measurable outcomes. The eight guiding principles are:

1. Engage On-going Support in Communications - Strengthen the influence of the pro-social community in the offender's life
2. Increase Positive Reinforcement - Use of cognitive behavior techniques
3. Skill Train with Directed Practice - Matching offender traits with the right intervention
4. Target Intervention: Risk, Need, Responsivity, Dosage, Intensity - Apply factors that promote law abiding behavior
5. Enhance Intrinsic Motivation - Get offenders treatment ready and keep them engaged
6. Assess Actuarial Risk/Need - Use assessments to guide case decisions by applying actuarial tools
7. Measure Progress
8. Provide feedback

Tasks to be completed include: continue to assess programs, facilitation of an Outcomes Measure Group committee addressing each of the eight guiding principles, consultation/technical assistance and training on the phone and in-person, implementation of processes and monitoring, and professional development in EBP.

This Agreement automatically renews at the end of each fiscal year to term on June 30, 2017.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Liz Habkirk