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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director

Health & Human Services

REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720

SUBJECT: Actions regarding the Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements with the Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc., for the term April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006:

- 1. An agreement for a maximum of \$48,195 to provide school-based substance abuse prevention services; and
- 2. Business Associate Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested agreement will enable the Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc. through its Wolfe Center Program, to provide school-based substance abuse prevention services to middle and high school students throughout Napa County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted? Substance Abuse Services

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: The prevention and education services provided by the Wolfe Center are

currently being provided at many middle and high schools throughout Napa County. This action enables the continuation of these services following the transition of the Wolfe Center's parent organization from Aldea to the Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc. This contract must be established if the new parent organization is to be reimbursed for the services provided by the

Wolfe Center.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an

automatic renewal provision, which allows the County the option to continue these services in the following fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted

accordingly.

Consequences if not approved: Juvenile Justice Network will not be reimbursed for services provided.

Additional Information: None

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 Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, Inc. (Juvenile Justice Network) will provide school-based substance abuse prevention services through its Wolfe Center program. The Wolfe Center provides alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention programs on Napa County middle and high school campuses to students identified as being at an elevated risk of substance use/abuse. These programs focus on the facilitation of prevention groups using research-based curricula and include screening, assessment, and referral services. The services are at the primary prevention level (i.e., for youth who are not in need of substance abuse treatment).

Services will be delivered to students in Napa, American Canyon, and Calistoga. School sites are selected based on their willingness to have services delivered on their campuses and the availability of funding. Students who participate in prevention services provided through this agreement are required to obtain parental permission.

The Wolfe Center utilizes nationally recognized curricula to foster skill development and to provide prevention education to students determined to be at elevated risk of using/abusing substances. Risk factors include parental substance abuse, early onset of experimentation with substances, family discord, peers who use substances, and other factors that have been shown to increase risk of substance use/abuse. Curricula include:

- Children's Program Kit: A prevention program for children of substance abusing parents. The program aims to assist this population in understanding their parents' addiction while building skills which mitigate their own risk. Skills include coping, expression of feelings, problem solving, and staying safe.
- Too Good for Drugs: A skill development program designed to assist youth in building important life skills that mitigate risk of substance abuse. Skills include decision making, communication, media literacy and problem solving.
- Insight: A program designed for students who have already begun to experiment with substances, but not to a degree warranting treatment for substance abuse or dependence. This program assists students in developing insight about and reducing their use, and increases their knowledge about the effects of alcohol and drugs. Students who complete this curriculum are referred to other services as deemed appropriate by the school's Core Team. The Core Team, also known as the Student Assistance or Impact team, is a

group consisting of providers coming to the campus to serve students (such as Hospice, prevention, drug treatment, and mental health providers), plus school staff such as counselors, nurses, and/or administrators. The group meets to discuss referrals, coordinate services, and to ensure student needs are met.

Program services are delivered during the school day on a pull-out basis for 9-14 weeks depending on the length of the curriculum. Wolfe Center staff work in conjunction with the school's Core Team to assist in facilitating referrals to community-based organizations as well as to provide consultation on issues related to youth substance abuse.

The requested action also includes a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) setting forth the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations to which the contractor is subject. This BAA agreement provides the County with assurances the contractor will comply with any and all HIPAA requirements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita