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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer
Probation
REPORT BY: Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager, 253-4126
SUBJECT: Agreement with Alternatives for Better Living

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Alternatives for Better Living for a maximum of \$5,585 for the term April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005 to provide group and individual counseling services for court wards under the supervision of the Probation Department.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Alternatives for Better Living provides group counseling on anger management and substance abuse to court wards in Juvenile Hall and in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Funds for these services are appropriated in the FY 2004-05 Budget - B/U 24700 (Probation). Funding sources include AB 1913 (\$ 3,425) and Challenge Grant (\$2,160).
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Services will not be provided to the minors in the Juvenile Justice Center nor will any treatment money be available for youth on probation.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement is reviewed annually. Challenge funding is one time money for this fiscal year. If funding continues, the department will return with another

agreement. AB 1913 funding is anticipated to continue next fiscal year, however, use of funds is subject to approval by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Consequences if not approved: Funds will revert back to the State.

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

Alternatives will provide weekly substance abuse, anger management and victim awareness groups to youth detained at the Napa County Juvenile Hall facility. The goals of these groups are to build readiness for further substance abuse treatment, provide skills needed to defuse and appropriately handle anger and to provide the minors with an awareness of the harm that is done to others when they are victims of a crime and the importance of restorative justice. It is anticipated that 10 youth will participate in each group. In addition, Alternatives counselors also will provide outpatient counseling services to individual wards and their families as requested by deputy probation officers.

This program is designed to meet the service needs of the more intensive youth that the department serves.

Costs for the group services at the hall are offset by AB 1913 funds for those services provide at the Juvenile Hall facility. Challenge funds will offset the costs of outpatient counseling services to wards and their families.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi