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A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Probation

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SUBJECT: Agreement with ALDEA Children and Family Services - Amendment #2

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 4776 with Aldea Children and Family Services to amend the scope of work to remove Functional Family Therapy services and include additional services related to the provision of therapeutic services to minors on probation for a new contract maximum of \$380,760 in FY 2015-2016.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under this Agreement, Aldea provides an array of services to at-risk youth and minors on probation. These services include mental health counseling to youth referred to the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center, counseling and intervention services to high-risk juvenile wards attending Chamberlain High School, the provision of Aggression Replacement Training groups in the community, and drug and alcohol services to minors and their families. The Amendment removes Functional Family Therapy services and increases services related to Alcohol and Drug treatment services.

Aldea is 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 the Gasser Foundation, Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG), Juvenile Probation Funding (JPF) and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and is under contract with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to provide an array of services to support a broad spectrum of probation services targeting at-risk youth, juvenile offenders, and their families.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.

Consequences if not approved: This agreement provides needed services to minors who have been detained in the Juvenile Hall or are on Probation. If this agreement is not approved, necessary mental health counseling services and alcohol/drug treatment services will not be provided. Minors will be at risk for more restrictive and costly placements.

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

With this Amendment, Aldea will provide three service components to youth on probation as well as minors who are at risk. Due to a reduction in referrals and the need for more substance abuse services, Functional Family Therapy is no longer part of the contract. The net change is a reduction in the contract maximum from \$436,810 to \$380,760.

First, Aldea will provide for 2.0 FTE (one mental health and one substance abuse counselor) to work with high risk juvenile wards at the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center (ERC). The ERC is also staffed by a Probation Officer. All staff facilitate groups and activities to youth referred to the ERC. The ERC provides supervision and programs for juvenile offenders in highly structured and well-supervised setting during the after school hours that are seen to be the high risk time for juvenile crime. The ERC is opened on weekday evenings from 3:00-6:30 pm Monday through Thursday. On Friday, it is social night and is staffed only by Aldea staff and the program is held at the Wolfe Center. It is estimated that 50 youth will received services in fiscal year 2015-2016. Funding for this portion of the agreement is provided utilizing funds from the Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG) and the \$56,050 Gasser Foundation donation ALDEA received directly to assist in the cost of the mental health counselor. The Amendment reduces the contract maximum amount by the Gasser Foundation donation.

Second, Aldea will provide for 1.0 FTE Social Worker to work with high risk juvenile wards attending Chamberlain High School and will provide Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART). The purpose of the therapy is to prevent more restrictive placements of the wards served. The Social Worker provides services during the school year and continues services to the wards and their families during the summer months. ART is an evidence-

based program that has been shown to be effective in working with adolescents on probation with anger management issues. This is considered a best practice in changing the way youth behave. This agreement provides funding for Aldea to provide ART groups in the community and at Juvenile Probation for youths on probation. Funding for this portion of the agreement is provided utilizing funds from the Juvenile Probation Funding (JPF).

Third, Aldea will provide for 2.0 FTE for Alcohol and Drug services to minors on probation and their families referred by Probation. Services include intake, individual sessions, group sessions, psychiatric services, case conferences, milieu check-ins, random drug testing, family counseling and clean and sober activities. Funding for this portion of the agreement is provided from JJCPA and JPF.

JPF and JJCPA funds are part of the Local Law Enforcement Services Account (LLESA). Under the realignment plan, funding for various local safety grant programs such as JPF and JJCPA are shifted directly to local governments to be used for the same purposes as specified in local statutes. JPF and JJCPA provides services to youth who are either in juvenile hall, on juvenile probation or who are at risk of being in the juvenile justice system.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Liz Habkirk