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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Lynn Perez for Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer
Probation
REPORT BY: Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager, 253-4126
SUBJECT: Agreement with ALDEA Children and Family Services

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 4776 with ALDEA Children and Family Services for a maximum of \$107,454 for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to provide therapeutic services to minors under the supervision of the Napa County Probation Department and to provide for staff training.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under this agreement, Aldea provides three service components on behalf of the Napa County Probation Department. A Master's level therapist to counsel and provide intervention services to high-risk juvenile court wards attending Chamberlain High School and other alternative school settings, mental health treatment services to minors on probation and staff training in Aggression Replacement Therapy.

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:	Costs for services under this agreement are included in the Probation Departments recommended budget. Funding for these services is provided through the (\$81,425) Juvenile Probation and Camp Funding (JPCF) and (\$26,029) funded through the Juvenile Accountability Set A Side Block Grant.
Is the general fund affected?	No

Future fiscal impact: The agreement is renewed annually and is subject to availability of funds.

Consequences if not approved: Minors will be at risk more restrictive and costly placements and funds would have to be returned to the State.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Aldea provides a Master's level therapist as part of the on-going team at Chamberlain and other alternative school settings. The objective of these services is to prevent more restrictive placement of these wards. At Chamberlain High School, the therapist provides services during the school year and continues services to the wards and their families during the summer months. This years contract also includes ten hours a week of therapeutic services to wards at other alternative schools including Valley Oak High School. It is now summer and the minors are out of school. Generally, the therapist will try to begin contact with the minors prior to the start of the school year.

This agreement also includes a part time therapist to provide mental health treatment consisting of individual and family psychotherapy, and anger management groups to wards referred by Deputy Probation Officers. Wards may be seen in Juvenile Hall, at ALDEA or at the family home.

In addition, several of Aldea staff will be trained as trainers in Aggression Replacement Therapy. This is a method that has been shown to be the most effective in working with adolescents on probation with anger management issues. This is considered best practice in assisting youth in changing the way they behave. This agreement provides funding for Aldea to provide training to all ALDEA staff and Napa County Probation Department. Once staff are trained, this method of group therapy will be used in group sessions provided through this agreement. Funds for this training will be from the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) Program Set Aside Grant. This service will commence on July 1, 2006 and end on November 30, 2006.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi