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:     Renewal of 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 $44,194 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 to provide therapeutic services to minors under the supervision of the Napa County Probation Department.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Under this agreement, Aldea provides two service components on behalf of the Napa County Probation Department. The two components provided include a Social Worker to counsel and provide intervention services to high-risk juvenile wards attending Chamberlain High School and the provision of Aggression Replacement Training groups in the community and to minors on probation. This agreement is funded by Juvenile Probation Funding with no impact on the General Fund. 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 Juvenile Probation Funding (JPF)
and is under contract with the State Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) to provide an array of services to support a broad spectrum of probation services targeting at-risk youth, juvenile offenders, and their families. Approval of the requested action will allow the Department to continue appropriately paying Aldea for the provision of supportive services to at-risk youth in the community and minors on probation. Costs for services under this agreement are included in the Probation Department’s recommended budget.

Is the general fund affected?  No
Future fiscal impact:  Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.
Consequences if not approved:  If this item is not approved, the Probation Department will be out of compliance with the Corrections Standards Authority and funds will be returned to the State.

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

Under this agreement, Aldea provides a 0.40 full time equivalent Social Worker to work with high risk juvenile wards attending Chamberlain High School. The purpose of the therapy services provided 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.

In addition, Aldea staff have been trained as facilitators for Aggression Replacement Training (ART). This 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 to minors on probation.

Funding for this agreement is provided under the Juvenile Probation Funding (JPF). During the current fiscal budget, the state shifted funding for this program from state general fund to VLF which has impacted the funding of this program significantly. The total amount of this agreement has been reduced by $33,415 from Fiscal Year 2009-10 due to reduction in VLF. The total cost of the agreement is $44,194. Aldea is a local vendor.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation:  Approve
Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan