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 #6600 with Wolfe Center

RECOMMENDATION
Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 6600 with the Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network for a maximum of $153,176 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 to provide various services to minors and their families under the supervision of the Napa County Probation Department.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The Loyd Wolfe Juvenile Justice Network, through its Wolfe Center, provides substance abuse treatment services to high-risk juvenile court wards. The program includes a school for those who require intensive all day treatment. Youth may attend the after school program. The program is open to youth ages 12-18. In addition, the Wolfe Center provides services to wards that are court ordered to Juvenile Drug Court, minors in Juvenile Hall and to youth referred to the Evening Reporting Center. The Wolfe Center 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 to provide a broad spectrum of Probation services targeting at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and their families. In addition, the County receives funding under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) to provide for services related to juvenile drug court.

This agreement also receives funding from the Corrections Standards Authority under the Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG) to provide for rehabilitative and supervision services to youthful offenders. Funds are used to provide services to high risk youth in the community.

Approval of the requested action will allow the Department to continue appropriately paying the Wolfe Center 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:  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 drug and alcohol treatment and juvenile drug court services will not be provided. Minors will be at risk for more restrictive and costly placements and funds would have to 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

The Wolfe Center will provide four service components on behalf of the Napa County Probation Department.

First, the Wolfe Center will provide outpatient treatment services ($35,000) to high-risk juvenile court wards who have been ordered by the court or 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.

Second, the Wolfe Center will provide drug and alcohol counseling to minors detained in Juvenile Hall ($18,000). These services include assessments, individual and group treatment and drug education.

Third, this agreement provides funding for the Juvenile Drug Court Program ($55,800) including drug testing, assessments, psychiatric assessments and evaluations, family counseling, incentives and other treatment services not covered by Drug Medi-Cal funding. Wolfe Center staff may also attend court hearings. The Juvenile
Drug Court program has demonstrated itself as an effective program in dealing with youth who have substance abuse issues.

Fourth, this agreement provides funding for the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center ($44,376). The Center serves as a community based alternative to detention in Juvenile Hall and provides supervision of nonviolent offenders with highly structured and well supervised group activities during high risk periods. Wolfe Center provides a 0.6 FTE Counselor to work with assigned Probation staff to facilitate groups and activities to youth referred to the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center. The Center is open Monday – Thursday with hours going into the evening. The Wolfe Center is open and available for youth on Friday evenings. It is anticipated that 75 -100 minors will be referred to the Evening Reporting Center on an annual basis.

Funding for this agreement is provided by Juvenile Probation Funding (JPF), the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and the Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG). The total amount of this agreement for services provided by JPF which include outpatient treatment and drug and alcohol counseling to minors in Juvenile Hall is the same as Fiscal Year 2009-10. Funding for the Juvenile Drug Court portion of this agreement is provided under the JJCPA. During the current fiscal budget, the state shifted funding for this program from State General Fund to Vehicle License Fees (VLF) which has impacted the funding of this program significantly. The total amount of this agreement has been reduced by $35,000 from Fiscal Year 2009-10 due to reduction in VLF. The YOBG allocation funds the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center. This portion of the agreement has increased $7,192 from Fiscal Year 2009-10 to provide additional staffing on Friday evenings.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan