NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Project Ninety, Inc. (Residential Substance Abuse Treatment)

RECOMMENDATION
Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 6523 with Project Ninety, Inc., for a maximum of $656,686 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the operation of the residential substance abuse program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Approval of the requested action will renew the County’s agreement with Project Ninety, Inc., for the provision of residential substance abuse detoxification and treatment services for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The recommended renewal agreement incorporates varied lengths of stay and additional reporting requirements to further improve the County’s use of beds provided by Project Ninety.

FISCAL IMPACT
Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes
Where is it budgeted? Alcohol and Drug Services
Probation
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary
Discretionary Justification: This agreement is discretionary in that there is no mandate to provide residential treatment to substance abuse clients. The residential detoxification treatment services are, however, an important component of the continuum of care. Lack of detoxification services will result in an increased use of jail beds and emergency room visits at a much higher cost to the County. Lack of treatment for those in need of residential services will result in higher long-term costs to the County for crime, emergency room and jail visits, and long-term health care issues.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The agreement terminates June 30, 2011.

Consequences if not approved: If the recommended agreement renewal is not approved, Napa County clients will not have access to residential substance abuse detoxification and short-term treatment, services that are vital to the wellbeing of the clients and the community.

Additional Information: The maximum amount of the FY 2010-2011 agreement is $181 higher than the FY 2009-2010 amount.

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 the current agreement, the contractor provides residential substance abuse treatment services for low-income and indigent adult residents of Napa County. Services include short-term residential detoxification (2-7 days) for clients who need close supervision and monitoring while they are undergoing physical withdrawal from substance abuse, as well as short-term residential treatment (up to 90 days) for individuals who are unlikely to maintain abstinence if transferred directly to an outpatient program. Residential treatment services beyond the detoxification period provide for a period of stabilization, allow clients to enter into early recovery, and prepare them to transfer to an outpatient setting for continued services. All services are linguistically appropriate (Spanish and English), culturally competent and attend to gender differences. Utilization of services is closely monitored by a Multidisciplinary Committee comprised of representatives from Project Ninety and the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Probation and Corrections Departments. The addition of varied lengths of stay and daily reporting requirements in the FY 2010-11 agreement will further enhance utilization decisions.

This contractor was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP). Project Ninety, a corporation based in San Mateo, is the only residential treatment program in Napa County which offers a 90-day program. Twelve of the contractor's 16 staff at the Napa facility are local.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None
CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Karen Collins