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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Certification for Alternatives for Better Living, Inc. to become a Penal Code 1000 Provider

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of the recommendation of the Interim Alcohol and Drug Administrator to certify Alternatives for Better Living, Inc. as a Penal Code 1000 provider.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Alternatives for Better Living will provide treatment services in accordance with Penal Code 1000, also known as the Drug Diversion Program. Due to fiscal constraints, the Substance Abuse Services Division of the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency is no longer able to provide these mandated services. The Alternatives program will be re-certified annually.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Substance Abuse Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	While the Drug Diversion program is mandated under the Penal Code, the Health and Human Services Agency is not required to provide treatment services directly.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	These treatment services will be provided continuously beyond this fiscal year, with an annual review by HHSA staff.

Consequences if not approved: If the application is not approved, the treatment program will have to be operated by HHSA staff at a fiscal loss for the County.

Additional Information: None

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 Penal Code 1000, certain defendants who elect a deferred entry of judgement for charges related to drug possession or use can be referred to a Drug Diversion program (DDV) to participate in education and treatment. Participants who complete their program are eligible to have their charges dropped. The Substance Abuse Services Division has been operating this treatment program since its inception, but the client fees used to pay for expenses have not met the increasing costs of the program over the last few years.

On December 16, 2003 the Board of Supervisors approved certification standards to allow this treatment program to be taken over by an outside agency and on March 15, 2005 approved the administrative fees that HHSA may charge. One agency, Alternatives for Better Living, has submitted an application to provide Drug Diversion treatment in Napa County. After review by a panel representing the Substance Abuse Services Division, the Court Ordered Recovery Programs Steering Committee, and HHSA Fiscal Division, Alternatives' application has been deemed sufficient to meet certification standards. The application is recommended for final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Any change in the fees charged by Alternatives will require Board of Supervisors' approval.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon