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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Helene Franchi, Senior Management Analyst, 253-4820
SUBJECT: Amendment No. 3 to Agreement with Mark Carey

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 3 to an agreement (formerly Agreement No. AUD-5855) with Mark Carey, increasing the amount by \$75,000 for a new maximum of \$90,000, with an automatic renewal provision, to provide a review and analysis of the data compiled for the Adult Correctional System Master Plan and to propose evidence based practices that will assist in an overall reduction in recidivism.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mark Carey has been under contract with County for the past year to assist the Probation Department with the development of a new assessment process and to assist the Criminal Justice Committee with the development of evidence based programming designed to reduce recidivism. Today's amendment, if approved, will further evaluate data collected to date on the jail population with a goal of assisting in revising and refining the jail bed and probation projections based on the use of evidence based practices and policies. Objectives identified in the contract include: 1) review existing data collected to determine what additional data is required and what process should be employed to finalize the size of the proposed, new jail and bed types; 2) identify what program and processes could be put in place to ensure that the greatest criminogenic needs are being addressed in the most efficacious manner; and 3) estimate the impact evidence based programming would have on the jail over the long term.

Staff anticipates, at the conclusion of the tasks outlined in the contract, to return to the Board in the fall with a recommendation regarding the number and type of jail beds needed for the future.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Central Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested amendment will provide more detailed information to be used for the completion of Phase I of the Adult Correctional System Master Plan. Carter Goble Lee (CGL) will use the information compiled by Mark Carey to further refine projected jail bed needs over the next 10-20 years. The information provided through this agreement will include projected impacts of evidence based practices on jail bed needs.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	If approved, the requested amendment will incorporate an automatic renewal provision, which will enable the County to continue to use Mr. Carey's expertise as it further defines evidence based programming in the criminal justice system. Funding will be appropriated in recommended budget requests as needed.
Consequences if not approved:	If the requested amendment is not approved, CGL will not be able to adjust the baseline projections.
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

As part of the Adult Correctional System Master Plan process, the Board has received several reports which have provided baseline projections of jail inmates, future beds needs and probation caseloads assuming no changes in current policies and practices in the adult criminal justice system. The reports have been prepared by Carter Goble Lee (CGL), reviewed by the Criminal Justice Committee (CJC) and have provided the following information:

- | Profiles of jail inmates and individuals on probation;
- | Analysis of recent justice system trends;
- | Length of time offenders remain in the system;
- | Preliminary identification of "best practices" and other considerations regarding future system changes;
- | Initial jail facilities assessment;
- | Criminal justice trends;
- | Jail trends;
- | Jail capacity needs projection
- | Probation trends;
- | Probation historic caseload growth by level of offense; and
- | Probation Population Projection.

The reports concluded that, assuming no significant changes in policy or practice, the County will need an

additional 61 to 111 beds by 2015 and an additional 87 to 209 beds by 2025. The County can expect to have between 2,578 and 3,083 probationers by 2010 and between 4,660 and 7,306 probationers by 2025.

The next step in the process is to further refine these projections assuming that evidence based practices are implemented. Based on this approach which calls for interventions that: (1) target criminogenic risk and need; (2) tend to be cognitive/behavioral in nature; (3) incorporate social-learning practices; (4) integrate and balance sanctions and interventions; (5) incorporate the principle of responsivity; and (6) have "therapeutic integrity"; CGL will then revise the projected jail bed needs and the projected probation caseloads.

The amendment before the Board today, calls for Mr. Carey to complete the following three objectives:

1. Review existing data collected to determine what additional data is required and what process should be employed to finalize the size of the proposed, new jail and bed types;
2. Identify what programs and processes could be put in place to ensure that the greatest criminogenic needs are being addressed in the most efficacious manner; and
3. Estimate the impact evidence based programming would have on the jail over the long term.

Staff will return to the Board at the conclusion of this process, with revised projections and recommendations regarding the conclusion of Phase I of the Adult Correctional System Master Plan.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi