

County of San Mateo
Interdepartmental Correspondence

Date: May 29, 2001
Hearing Date: June 19, 2001

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Maureen D. Borland, Director, Human Service Agency
Yvonne Frazier, Alcohol and Drug Services Administrator
Subject: Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 Plan

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the San Mateo County Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 Plan.

Background:

In November 2000, California voters passed Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA). SACPA mandates that any person convicted of a nonviolent drug possession offense, or any probationer or parolee who is determined to have committed a nonviolent drug possession offense or violated any other drug-related condition of their sentence, shall be diverted from incarceration to licensed or certified community-based treatment programs.

On February 6, 2001, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution agreeing to comply with the provisions of SACPA and accepting FY2000-2001 funding. The Human Services Agency, Alcohol and Drug Services, was identified as the lead agency and a County trust fund was established for funds received pursuant to the SACPA.

Discussion:

SACPA will require changes in the County's judicial processes and substance abuse treatment systems. The Proposition 36 Oversight Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to assist with the planning and collaboration requirements of the Act. The Oversight Committee developed the SACPA Plan, a requirement of the SACPA, in collaboration with several County agencies, stakeholders and with input from community parties. State regulations provide that the Board of Supervisors has the option of approving the County's SACPA Plan or delegating approval authority to the lead agency. Should the Board opt to delegate authority, an alternate resolution to that effect has been prepared and will be made available for the Board's approval.

The SACPA Plan includes information regarding service coordination efforts, services to be created, drug testing, assessment placement and referrals, fiscal and capacity planning, client projections and the planned use of FY2000-2001 rollover of excess funds.

Effective July 1, 2001, San Mateo County is required to enroll eligible SACPA offenders. Eligible offenders receive up to one year of treatment services and an additional six months of continuing care, such as aftercare groups, relapse prevention, alumni services (as needed). Vocational training, family counseling, literacy training and other services may also be provided through linkages to community-based organizations. As the lead agency, the Human Services Agency, Alcohol and Drug Services will be contracting with licensed or certified treatment providers in a variety of modalities including detoxification, outpatient, day treatment, residential, and methadone services. Use of SACPA funds for drug testing is specifically prohibited by the legislation.

SACPA requires counties to participate in a long-term study on the effectiveness of the services with assistance provided by a public university (to be selected). The State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP) will require each county to participate in data collection efforts and to annually evaluate the effectiveness and fiscal impact of the program funded, including the implementation process, review of incarceration costs and changes in crime rate, jail bed use, and human services cost savings. The goals of these efforts are to improve health by reducing drug abuse, enhance public safety by reducing drug-related crime and preserve jail cells for violent offenders.

Fiscal Impact:

The Act provides for funding through June 30, 2006. Total funding for FY2001-2002 is \$2,116,754 for treatment and probation costs provided through SACPA. In addition, funds that were not spent in FY2000-2001 during the planning phase will be carried forward into FY2001-2002. Funds were awarded to San Mateo County based upon 50% base allocation, 25% number of drug arrests, and 25% drug treatment caseload. Each successive year's funding allocation may vary depending on utilization. There is no impact on Net County Cost associated with this funding.

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cc: Deborah Penny Bennett, Deputy County Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2000 COUNTY PLAN AND
FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of
California, that

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000
(SACPA) this Board of Supervisors has designated the Human Services Agency, Alcohol and
Drug Services as the County Lead Agency responsible for administration of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the County Lead Agency is responsible for coordination of the planning
process, preparation and implementation of the San Mateo County SACPA Plan required by the
Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with the San Mateo County SACPA Plan,
completed pursuant to §9515 Title 9, California Code of Regulations, and has examined and
approved it as to both form and content:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors on
behalf of the County of San Mateo hereby approves the San Mateo County SACPA Plan.