



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

County Manager's Office
Probation Department

Date: October 7, 2002

Board Meeting Date: October 29, 2002

TO: Honorable Members of the Board

FROM: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Lofer Buddress, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Agreement for Diagnostic and Treatment Services with the Department of the Youth Authority for Fiscal Year 2002-03

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a Resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute an Agreement with the California Department of the Youth Authority (CYA) for diagnostic and treatment services and temporary detention of selected juvenile court referrals.

BACKGROUND:

Section 1752.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that a contract must be entered into between the County, upon request of the Board of Supervisors, and CYA for the service of case referrals to the CYA from the Juvenile or Criminal Courts for diagnostic and treatment services and temporary detention.

DISCUSSION:

This contract will continue diagnostic, treatment and detention services by CYA for the fiscal year 2002-03. Referrals are made in selected cases in which the court is in need of more intensive, evaluative information prior to determination of an appropriate disposition. Services provided by CYA in these cases include psychological testing and evaluation, an in-depth personal social history examination, and psychiatric study and treatment, if indicated. A detailed report is provided which includes a recommendation to the court for possible final disposition.

The established rate for this professional service is \$4,832 per month, per case. This rate is pro rated, per diem, for period of less than one month. The law provides for a maximum ninety-day observation period. However, most of the studies are completed sooner so that the individual may be returned to the referring court as soon as possible.

VISIONING ALIGNMENT:

A County contract for diagnostic, treatment and detention services with CYA contributes to the County Visioning Commitment of "Ensuring Basic Health and Safety for All." It contributes to Goal #7, to maintain and enhance the public safety of all residents and visitors, and Goal #8, to help vulnerable people—the aged, disabled, mentally ill, at-risk youth and others—achieve a better quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract limit will be set at \$80,000, as it has been in past years. Funds for this contractual service have been included in the Probation Department 2002-03 adopted budget.

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COUNTY MANAGER