



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/7/2020

File #: 19-1805

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Probation

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Professional Services Agreement between Humboldt County Probation and Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) to provide long-term case management services to clients recovering from drug and alcohol addiction; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two signed copies of the agreement to the Probation Department, Attention: Elisha Hardison, Legal Office Business Manager.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Humboldt County Public Safety Realignment Fund (Fund No. 3741)

DISCUSSION:

On Nov. 20, 2019, the Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership Executive (HCCCP) Executive Committee carried a motion to recommend \$116,373 in one-time funds to continue the case management services that Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) has been providing in local substance abuse disorder (SUD) treatment programs since 2017. These RCAA case managers assist with long-term case management services to clients recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. The five case managers employed through RCAA work to support the clients with a successful transition to sober living and self-sufficiency by: strategizing with clients to create a unique plan with realistic goals and timelines; meet clients weekly to assist them with goal attainment and provide support; provide job skill development and job placement assistance; assist with transportation as needed so that clients can attend work, health appointments, apply for services, and report data back to Probation.

The original request came about after the HCCCP General Committee, in its capacity serving as the local Proposition 47 advisory committee, assessed treatment needs and gaps and made the recommendation to hire five AmeriCorp workers to work in residential treatment programs as a 1-year pilot program. Unfortunately, RCAA held a recruitment which yielded no applications and they were forced to once again return to the HCCCP executive Committee with a revised proposal. The new

proposal provided five case managers, employed by RCAA, to be placed in three different community SUD treatment facilities to provide long-term case management services to clients recovering from addiction. The revised proposal was brought before the HCCCP Executive Committee on July 19, 2017 and once again, the motion carried.

The existing contract expired at the end of 2019. Staff was waiting to see whether Drug MediCal would be off the ground by the time of expiration and these costs, which would have allowed the cost to be absorbed by the SUD treatment facilities. This would transfer the employment of these positions to the facilities in which they are working now and offset the cost. Unfortunately, Drug MediCal is not yet reimbursing services locally and so RCAA took another proposal to the HCCCP Executive Committee for the amount estimated to be necessary to continue operations of these services in the interim. The attached contract reflects this amount and will terminate at the end of the fiscal year, or when the SUD programs begin receiving Drug MediCal funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total value of the contract is \$116,373, and will terminate at the end of Fiscal Year 2019-20, or when the SUD programs begin receiving Drug MediCal funds. The contract will be funded out of the Probation Realignment budget unit (3741-294). There is sufficient funding in this budget unit in Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the full value of this contract. Funding for this increase comes from the Humboldt County Public Safety Realignment Fund (Fund No. 3741), which has a current trust balance of \$4,200,181. Any unspent contract amount at the close of the fiscal year will remain in the trust. There will be no impact on the County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Redwood Community Action Agency
Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may elect not to approve this supplemental budget; however, it is not recommended, as the Prop 47 advisory committee and the HCCCP believed that this project would make much needed progress in addressing identified gaps in treatment for this population.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes from November 20, 2019 CCP Executive Meeting
2. Professional Services Agreement between County of Humboldt and Redwood Community Action Agency

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-18, C-12

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Meeting of: 12/12/2017, 1/8/2019

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