

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only  
Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Held Until \_\_\_\_\_  
Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Department:** Health Services

**( X ) 4/5 Vote Required**

**Contact:**  
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**Board Date:**  
4/07/2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Family Mental Health Treatment Program

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:** Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment to the FY 08-09 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund – Department of Health Services, in the amount of \$1,431,494 (4/5 Vote).

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL**

**Estimated Cost** \$ 1,431,494

**Contingencies**  
(Fund Name: )

**Amount Budgeted** 0

**Unanticipated Revenue** \$ 1,431,494  
(Source:FFP, EPSDT)

**Other Avail Approp**  
(Explain below)

**Other Transfer(s)**  
(Source: )

**Additional Requested:** \$ 1,431,494

**Add'l Funds Requested:** \$ 1,431,494

**Explanation (if required):**

**Prior Board Action(s):**

- 12/09/08 Authorized Probation Department to Contract with Sunny Hills
- 11/27/07 Sunny Hills Services Mentally-Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant Program
- 01/23/07 Resolution to accept MIOCR funds from CSA

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Lost opportunity to secure funding for the continuation of the ACT Program, which provides in-home treatment to mentally-ill juvenile offenders. Many of these youthful offenders who would have been enrolled in the program will not receive appropriate mental health treatment and could instead be directed to juvenile hall detention or out-of-home placement.

**BACKGROUND:**

**The ACT Program**

The Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program is a collaboration between Probation, the Juvenile Court, and Health Services Mental Health Division. Prospective clients are screened for the program by Probation staff and licensed mental health clinicians; the Juvenile Court then assigns minors to a specific ACT probation officer. Minors are provided in-home treatment by Sunny Hills Services, a local community based organization.

To date, the program has served 50 Sonoma County minors and their families. ACT has become the main mental health treatment program for mentally-ill offenders. The program provides appropriate treatment for clients, many of whom would have otherwise been detained in juvenile hall or been referred for out-of-home placement. The program has been praised by the Juvenile Court, participating families, and Probation and Health Services as an important resource for the mentally-ill youth offenders in our communities.

On December 9, 2008, the Board authorized the Sonoma County Probation Department to contract with Sunny Hills Services to provide this in-home mental health treatment. Health Services provides funding for the mental health treatment and requests the appropriations be made in order to complete the process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Services provided by Sunny Hills Services are covered benefits of the Medi-Cal program. Reimbursement sources include: federal Medicaid (FFP) and Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT); and the Probation Department.

**Attachments:** Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment to the FY 08-09 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund– Department of Health Services.

**On File With Clerk:** None.

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| Board Action (If other than "Requested") |
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