

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Date Held Until
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Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No:
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Department: Health Services

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Board Date:
7/14/09

Deadline for Board Action:
7/14/09

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) of 2000

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Resolution approving the County Plan for the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA) between the County of Sonoma and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, State of California for FY 09-10, and authorizing the Director of Health Services to implement the plan and any modifications to the plan that do not significantly change program content, within approved budget authority.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$ 0

Contingencies
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted

Unanticipated Revenue
(Source: State SACPA)

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Additional Requested \$ 0

Add'l Funds Requested: \$ 0

Explanation (if required): See Fiscal Impact

Prior Board Action(s): 8/12/08 – Approved FY 08-09 SACPA County Plan.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to provide SACPA services to individuals referred by the Court or the State Parole Office.

BACKGROUND:

SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM (SACPA)

In November 2000, California voters passed Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA). SACPA provides alcohol and drug treatment for eligible non-violent offenders and requires the collaboration of the judicial, law enforcement and alcohol and drug treatment systems. Notwithstanding SACPA Budget fluctuations, over the last eight fiscal years program eligibility, the clinical assessment process, and subsequent treatment options have remained essentially unchanged from the original program design. The treatment continuum offers education, outpatient services including individual and group counseling, day program – intensive, methadone treatment services, and residential treatment. In addition, clients are required to participate in random drug testing to monitor treatment compliance.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM (OTP)

Due to concerns regarding the potential decrease in SACPA funding, in FY 06-07 the State established the Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program (OTP). The goal of the OTP was to enhance the funding available to the SACPA program. The OTP program requires a county match of funds based on an allocation formula that includes factors for population served and treatment completion rates. The allocation formula provides financial incentives for counties to invest local funds in the development of improved offender accountability.

The County continues to meet the SACPA/OTP eligibility criteria which include:

- A dedicated court calendar to review drug offender treatment progress.
- An established drug court and acceptance of defendants who are likely to be committed to state prison.
- Drug testing protocols to monitor offenders' progress in treatment.
- Treatment needs assessment and treatment placement protocols.

FY 09-10 PROGRAM CHANGES

Changes in the OTP and SACPA programs are reviewed by the SACPA Steering Committee. In April and May of 2009, the Committee conducted a review which considered critical factors related to the quality of program services, such as preserving maximum treatment capacity with a continuum of treatment modalities, providing resources to comply with state requirements, and providing appropriate levels of supervision for public safety.

The SACPA/OTP plan for FY 09-10 provides services to an estimated 440 individuals referred from the Court and State Parole. Services provided in this plan include: clinical assessment, placement and referral, court and probation supervision, drug and alcohol treatment, dual diagnosis treatment, and case management and routine drug screening.

Attachments: FY 09-10 SACPA County Plan; Resolution approving FY 09-10 SACPA County Plan.

On File With Clerk: None.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

BACKGROUND (continued):

The program components are detailed in the SACPA County Plan, and include:

- Residential treatment beds in the community: reduced by 4.08 beds from FY 08-09 levels, including 1 less sober living bed; and
- Outpatient treatment services: increased services to 34 more clients from FY 08-09 levels.

In general, outpatient treatment is less costly than residential treatment. These treatment modality adjustments are partially driven by decreased funds, but also mirror State-wide assessments of need for SACPA-OTP clients, more than 90% of whom are referred to outpatient treatment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The SACPA-OTP program has been identified in the Governor's May Revise for elimination of funding. The Department request for authority to contract for this program allows for services to continue in the event that the State funds are not eliminated. If, as proposed in the Governor's May Revise Budget, the State eliminates SACPA-OTP funding, some local programs may close.

On June 16, 2009, the SACPA-OTP Steering Committee met to discuss contingency plans to address potential funding reductions or elimination. Although funds may be reduced or eliminated, the SACPA laws allowing judges to sentence individuals to treatment remain in effect. Therefore, to the extent funds are available, the Steering Committee has agreed to continue to maintain infrastructure to support assessment and placement of individuals sentenced to treatment. Further analysis of the impact of any reductions or elimination of SACPA-OTP funding will be forthcoming, pending legislative action on the budget.

The FY 09-10 SACPA Plan submitted to the state includes a budget of \$1,340,072 for SACPA and \$261,894 for OTP, for a total budget of \$1,601,966. The total FY 09-10 budget decreased by approximately 9% (\$156,787) from the FY 08-09 total budget of \$1,758,753. The decrease in funding reduces the availability of residential and outpatient services.

The required General Fund OTP county match of \$26,189 is included in the FY 09-10 County Budget. Budget adjustments will be submitted to align the SACPA and OTP County Budgets with the final State allocations. There are no contributions from Realignment.