

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Health Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
10/27/2009

Deadline for Board Action:
10/27/2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: DUI and Compliance Court

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute Contract Number AL1043 with the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma, to continue DUI Court Program services and implement Compliance Court for the term October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012, and any amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$371,760).

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute contracts with community-based providers for Alcohol and Other Drug Services for October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012, and any amendments that do not change the scope of work (\$371,760).

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the FY 09-10 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund – Department of Health Services in the amount of \$92,940 (requires 4/5th vote).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$92,940	Contingencies	\$0
		(Fund Name:)	
Amount Budgeted	\$0	Unanticipated Revenue	\$92,940
		(Source: Superior Court of California)	
Other Available Appropriations	\$0	Other Transfers	\$0
(Explain Below)		(Source:)	
Additional Requested	\$92,940	Additional Funds Requested	\$92,940

Explanation (if required): For FY 09-10, the Department is appropriating \$92,940 of the four year award (\$371,760). The remaining \$278,820 will be included in future budget requests.

Prior Board Action: 10/14/08 - Authorized a contract with the Superior Court for expansion of the DUI Court Program for FY08-09.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Non-approval could result in the loss of case management and alcohol and other drug screening and testing services for clients referred by the DUI and Compliance Court Team.

Background:

The Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma (the Court) and the Department of Health Services Alcohol and Other Drug Services Division (AODS) have been engaged in the implementation of the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court Expansion Project since February of 2008. At the request and authorization of the Court, the Department agreed to provide DUI Court services beginning February 1, 2008 while the Court secured funding for the project from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). In September 2009, the Court notified the Department that additional funding is available to continue DUI Court and implement a Compliance Court for multiple offender DUI clients as of October 1, 2009.

DUI Court

This contract provides funding for AODS case management services, including screening and testing, to DUI Court clients with the goal of reducing alcohol and other drug use and recidivism. Under the direction of a program coordinator who assesses and refers potential participants to treatment, a case manager monitors client treatment and increases treatment sessions based on positive test results. The case manager also provides case updates at court hearings which support informed decisions by the DUI Court team.

Compliance Court

All eligible misdemeanor offenders with one or more prior convictions accepted for participation in the Compliance Court will be required to attend a minimum of two court appearances and will receive case management and drug testing. Participants may also be assigned to electronic monitoring. The participants in Tier 1 of Compliance Court will be monitored by two Compliance Officers/Case Managers and by the Court’s DUI Court coordinator. The most at-risk offenders will be placed into Tier 2 of the program and will be required to attend weekly compliance court hearings. Tier 2 participants are required to attend regular AODS group and individual counseling sessions, self-help meetings, and are subject to regular drug/alcohol testing.

The AODS Division maintains an open provider network. This means that any licensed provider may submit a request to contract with the County to provide substance abuse treatment services. Requests to contract are reviewed and approved based on client need. The Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems, comprised of members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, works with County AODS staff to maintain a panel of treatment providers to ensure continuity of care and provision of quality services for Sonoma County residents. The County, through this ongoing partnership with community providers, has developed a comprehensive network of licensed and certified addiction treatment agencies which have operated in Sonoma County for over 30 years. Over 20 years ago, Federal and State regulations requiring competitive processes were eliminated due to the adverse impact on the care and services provided to clients. The Department requests authority to contract with providers for AODS services in support of the DUI and Compliance Court expansion.

Fiscal Impact:

For FY 09-10, the Department is appropriating \$92,940 of the four year award (\$371,760). The remaining \$278,820 will be included in future budget requests. There is no contribution from the General Fund and no use of public health realignment funds.

Attachments: Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment in the amount of \$92,940.

On File With Clerk: Superior Court Contract number AL1043.

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Board Action (If other than “Requested”)

Vote: