



providing services to Solano County. However, Contra Costa County has recently opted into the Drug Medi-Cal waiver program which enables Contra Costa to draw down federal funds for this service and pay a much higher day rate (\$240/day) for residential services, whereas last year Solano increased the daily rate to \$100/day.

The bed availability problem is further exacerbated by the fact that counties bordering Solano have all begun operation under the Drug Medi-Cal waiver, where the higher rate and higher local utilization result in less availability for Solano referrals. The Department of Probation refers individuals to residential care under H&SS contracts. Hilltop Recovery Services is located in Lake County which currently has not opted into the Drug Medi-Cal waiver. Upon visiting the facility, H&SS staff believed the quality of the program to be strong. The Behavioral Health Division of H&SS has contracted with this provider for the last few years.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Costs associated with this contract are included in the FY2019/20 budget. Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) and 2011 Realignment will provide funding for the agreement. The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to approve the contract. This is not recommended because it will reduce the number of treatment beds available to county residents who need substance use disorder treatment.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Counsel has reviewed the contract for legal sufficiency.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION