



Legislation Text

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Approve a contract with Thomas F. White for an amount not to exceed \$96,000 for the term of April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to provide consulting services in developing and implementing a new evidence-based supervision and treatment model within juvenile probation, and continue to refine processes in adult probation; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract, pending County Counsel concurrence, and any future amendments including changes to terms and conditions, scope of services and modifications to contract limits up to 20% of the total contract amount not to exceed \$19,000

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Director of Probation recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a contract with Thomas F. White to provide consulting services in developing and implementing a new evidence-based supervision model within juvenile probation and continue to refine processes in adult probation, for an amount not to exceed \$96,000 for the term of April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and
2. Delegate authority to the County Administrator, pending County Counsel concurrence, to execute the contract and any future amendments including changes to terms and conditions, scope of services and modifications to contract limits up to 20% of the total contract amount not to exceed \$19,000.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Thomas White served as the Director of Operations for the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division from January 1999 until his retirement in June 2009. As Director of Operations he was responsible for the daily management of the state's adult and juvenile probation system, pre-trial services and the juvenile detention centers. Mr. White has also held the position of Deputy Commissioner of Operations for the Connecticut Department of Correction, Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Services for the Oklahoma Department of Correction, Director of Juvenile Detention for the Connecticut Judicial Branch, and has been a Warden at two correctional institutions for adult offenders.

Mr. White has been instrumental in defining and operationalizing evidence-based practice in community corrections and helping to move adult and juvenile probation systems toward a behavior change model of supervision, with the goal of reducing recidivism. He has provided consultation services to numerous organizations and agencies including the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the U.S. Courts Districts of Nevada, Utah, Hawaii, and Washington, the State of Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and the Solano County California Probation Department.

Building and sustaining an evidence-based organization is a complex and difficult process that includes organizational assessment; the development of new policies and procedures; staff training and coaching, as well as the establishment of ongoing systems of quality assurance and performance evaluation. Mr. White has assisted the Solano County Probation Department in implementing these elements in adult probation, and was the architect of the Centers for Positive Change (CPC). This new contract would enable the Probation Department to replicate a similar process within juvenile probation as well as continuing to make refinements

in adult probation services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost for the consulting services is included in the FY2018/19 Probation Department Requested Budget and shall be paid by State grants. There is no additional impact to the County General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to approve the contract amendment; however, this alternative is not recommended as this contract is critical to the Department's success in developing and implementing a new evidence-based supervision and treatment model within juvenile probation, and making continued refinements within adult probation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract amendment as to form. The County Administrator's Office has reviewed this report and concurs with Department's recommendation.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION