



NEVADA COUNTY

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2017
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions to provide Functional Family Probation and Functional Family Therapy training and technical assistance for fiscal year 2017/2018 through 2019/2020 and amend the budget for FY 2017/2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: This contract in the amount of \$168,148 for fiscal years 2017/2018 through 2019/2020 is 100% grant funded through the juvenile Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant. A budget amendment is required to increase MIOCR Grant revenue by \$168,148 and subsequently increase Professional Service expenditures by \$168,148. No general funds are required.

BACKGROUND: Functional Family Probation (FFP) reorients the focus of juvenile justice workers charged with supervising youth in the community by clarifying their roles and understanding that case management occurs in distinct phases. By applying the right goals, skills and activities at the right time, the model creates a coherence that helps workers stay on track despite what are often very complicated client situations, risks and histories.

We are moving towards FFP replace our current case management model. FFP trained staff become stronger advocates of effective services. They play a more effective part in assessment, referral, monitoring and maintenance of change brought about by effective programs and interventions. Indeed, in many FFP projects, implementation can have a cascading effect across the community, helping to shift services in ways that are more effective with juvenile justice populations.

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a short-term family therapy intervention and juvenile diversion program helping at-risk children and delinquent youth to overcome adolescent behavior problems, conduct disorder, substance abuse and delinquency. Therapists work with families to assess family behaviors that maintain delinquent behavior, modify dysfunctional family communication, train family members to negotiate effectively, set clear rules about privileges and responsibilities, and generalize changes to community contexts and relationships.

We are training our community based organizations to provide this service. This will increase treatment capacity in the community and help with sustainability once grant funds have been exhausted. When FFT is delivered competently, the program reduces felony recidivism by 38 percent. The cost-benefit generates \$2.77 in savings (avoided crime costs) for each taxpayer dollar spent on the program, regardless of therapist competence. For competent FFT therapists, the savings are greater, \$10.69 in benefits for each taxpayer dollar spent. We feel FFT is a perfect complement to the services we are already offering.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item Initiated by: Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Associate

Approved by: Michael Ertola, Chief Probation Officer

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