



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Probation



Date: May 6, 2013
Board Meeting Date: July 9, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John Keene, Chief Probation Officer
Subject: Agreement with StarVista

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with StarVista to provide individual, group, and family counseling for youth at the Margaret J. Kemp Camp and in Camp Kemp aftercare, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Probation Department operates a cluster of services for delinquent girls under the heading of the G.I.R.L.S. program (Gaining Independence and Reclaiming Lives Successfully). The first phase of the program involves a commitment of 180 days to Camp Kemp, which was relocated to the Youth Services Center in 2011. This phase involves intensive treatment for substance abuse, mental health issues, and trauma in the form of individual, group, and family counseling. In addition, girls receive services such as yoga/emotion regulation training and art therapy. Following a stay at Camp Kemp, girls transition to the community and receive intensive probation supervision and treatment services. If they are successful, they graduate to the third phase of the program with a less-intensive level of supervision. Completion of all three phases of the G.I.R.L.S. program can take up to 18 months.

DISCUSSION:

The Agreement with StarVista will provide a number of services to girls at Camp Kemp and in the community probation phase of the program. In collaboration with and at the direction of County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, StarVista will provide mental health assessment and individual, group, and family counseling to girls and their families. In addition, StarVista facilitates the Camp's bi-weekly, 16-session intervention program for youth and their family members that concentrates on mending relationships, increasing communication, and empowering parents to be effective in their parenting.

This provider has been working with girls in this program since 2006. The Probation Department conducted a Request for Proposals process and has selected StarVista to continue their services.

The Contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination, and equal benefits.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form and Risk Management has approved the Contractor's insurance.

This Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 commitment to a Safe Neighborhoods by providing youth with rehabilitative services such that they might heal from trauma and not commit future crimes.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2012-13 Estimated | FY 2013-14 Projected |
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| Percent of youth with a clean drug test | 90% | 90% |
| Percent of youth attending school who have at least a 2.5 GPA | 90% | 90% |
| Percent of youth completing ten hours of community service or employment | 90% | 90% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. The total obligation is \$750,000 and is funded 100% through the State of California Youthful Offender Block Grant. Funds have been included in the FY 2013-15 Proposed Budget.