



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Probation



**Date:** December 12, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** January 27, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

**Subject:** Amendment to the Agreement with Pyramid Alternatives

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Pyramid Alternatives to provide substance abuse treatment services to clients in the Bridges Program, extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2015, and increasing the amount by \$61,745.82 to an amount not to exceed \$123,491.64.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Probation Department contracts with Pyramid Alternatives to provide counseling services and program delivery of abuse counseling, education, anger management, life skills training, and supportive supervision to clients in the Bridges Program. The Bridges Program is an intensive outpatient day treatment program focused on helping individuals with drug offenses to end the cycle of drug abuse and crime. The program serves approximately 150 individuals annually and saves the County approximately \$400,000 in jail costs.

On May 22, 2014, the County's Contract Compliance Committee granted a 3-year waiver request as a temporary extension of the Probation Department's contract with Pyramid Alternatives through June 30, 2015 until an RFP can be completed.

On August 25, 2014, in the interest of timely delivery of services to the clients of the Bridges Program, the Probation Department executed a department level contract with Pyramid Alternatives for the term July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$61,745.82.

The Probation Department has concluded its Request for Proposals (RFP) process and is currently reviewing submitted applications to provide services to the Bridges Program. It is anticipated that the Probation Department will recommend to the Board a Bridges contractor for FY 2014-15 at the April 28, 2015 meeting.

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**DISCUSSION:**

This amendment would extend the term of the agreement and allow Pyramid Alternatives to provide continuous abuse counseling, education, anger management, life skills training and supportive supervision to clients in the Bridges Program.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Amendment as to form.

Approval of this Amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by providing adult offenders with rehabilitative services such that they might not commit future crimes.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2014-15 Target
Percent of probationers who successfully complete the Bridges Program	95%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Amendment extends the term through June 30, 2015 and increases the amount by \$61,745.82. The total contract amount is \$123,491.64, of which, 100% is funded by the General Fund. The appropriation has been included in the department's Adopted Budget for FY 2014-15.