



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager's Office



Date: October 22, 2016
Board Meeting Date: November 1, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: Agreement with the City of San Mateo for Juvenile Diversion Case Management Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the City of San Mateo Police Department to provide juvenile diversion case management services on a pilot basis, for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

BACKGROUND:

During the FY 2015-17 budget process, the San Mateo Police Activities League submitted a Measure A proposal for a pilot to provide case management services for youth ages 11-17 who have entered the criminal justice system or are at risk to do so by their current behavior. The program was in its formative stages, with partners from City of San Mateo, Probation, Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health, County Office of Education, Courts, District Attorney, and local school districts. The San Mateo Police Department would provide trained juvenile detectives to work with the youth and their families to learn the reasons for behaviors, create a plan to rectify issues within the family and/or the child's school or personal life, and develop a contract with the child and family, utilizing all resources available, including outside counseling.

The pilot was to serve as a beta-test for potential expansion into other cities in the county. The proposal did not align with FY 2015-17 Measure A priorities, but the County committed to fund the pilot phase with another source to determine whether it was effective at reducing juvenile crime and recidivism, and if so, use the data to explore expansion.

DISCUSSION:

The original proposal for this pilot program requested a full-time Behavioral Health case worker. The County agreed to fund the pilot using case management services provided by community-based organizations. The San Mateo Police Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Youth Services Bureau of the YMCA to provide staff and case management services for individual and/or family counseling to youth

arrested for minor offenses, referred by SMPD as eligible for the mandated diversion counseling program throughout the pilot.

The YMCA case manager has implemented the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment to identify risk factors of the youth and their family so they can be referred to necessary resources within the county. As of June 30, 2016, there were 31 youth referred to the program, with 20 still participating and 3 failing to complete due to an arrest or failure to comply with their six-month contract. Of those that have successfully completed the program, none have re-offended.

This agreement has been delayed due to the need for additional time to discuss the manner in which case management services would be provided, with subsequent delays resulting from negotiating and finalizing the agreement between the city and County staff. The full-time case manager from YMCA started in December 2015.

County Counsel has reviewed the agreement and resolution as to form.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision outcomes of a Collaborative, Healthy and Safe Community and goal of reducing crime by providing case management services to at-risk youth and their families to prevent juvenile crime and recidivism.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Measure	FY 2015-16 Baseline*	FY 2016-17 Estimated
Number of youth referred to the SMPD Juvenile Diversion Program	31	80
Number of youth who failed to complete due to an arrest or failure to fulfill conditions of the contract	3	8 (10%)
Number of youth re-offending after completing the program	0	0

* Full-time case manager from YMCA began December 2015

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient funds budgeted in the FY 2016-17 Non-Departmental Services Adopted Budget for this purpose.