



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



**Date:** November 25, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** January 26, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

**Subject:** Agreement with Acknowledge Alliance to provide Critical Interventions to At-Risk Youth through On-Site Individual and Group Psychodynamic Counseling at San Mateo County Community and Court Schools Programs

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with Acknowledge Alliance to continue to provide Critical Interventions to At-Risk Youth through On-Site Individual and Group Psychodynamic Counseling at San Mateo County Community and Court Schools Programs for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$100,820.

**BACKGROUND:**

In January of 2011 a Local Action Plan (LAP) was approved by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) which will remain in effect for five years. The LAP planning process resulted in the identification of a core set of strategies to address needs of youth and their families including: an emphasis on early intervention; addressing the needs of both youth and their families; using practices that are recognized by evidence-based models; understanding and addressing system barriers; addressing the needs of underserved groups and/or groups over-represented in the Juvenile Justice System; and setting clear outcomes for funded programs/strategies and planning for their assessment.

In 2011, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to establish contracts to provide these services. In April of 2011, Acknowledge Alliance formally known as Cleo Eulau Center was one (1) of the four (4) programs selected through this RFP process to provide services to youth in San Mateo County.

Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2015, Acknowledge Alliance, formally known as Cleo Eulau Center, provided individual and group psychotherapy for at-risk youth

attending the San Mateo County Community and Court Work Program with an annual fixed funding allocation through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA).

In 2015, a second RFP was issued to establish contracts to continue these services. In April of 2015, Acknowledge Alliance was one (1) of the four (4) programs selected through the RFP process to continue to provide services for at-risk youth in San Mateo County between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 with continued funding through the JJCPA.

**DISCUSSION:**

Through this agreement, Acknowledge Alliance will continue to provide support to students transitioning from the Court and Community Schools back to their comprehensive high schools in Sequoia Union High School District and San Mateo High School District through the Collaborative Counseling and Transition Program.

The department is submitting the contract to the Board of Supervisor's after the effective date for services due to the volume of state funded contracts being executed during the same time frame all requiring thorough review from the department, the community based organization, and county counsel.

For the past 20 years, the Probation Department has historically partnered with both Acknowledge Alliance and the San Mateo County Office of Education for said transition support. Acknowledge Alliance is one of the only community based organizations that work directly with educators to increase social emotional learning competencies for the most disenfranchised youth involved in the juvenile justice system and/or who have been expelled from their local public schools.

The Probation Department requests that the Chief Probation Officer or his designee be granted authorization to execute contract amendments that modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The Agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

This Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by helping youth reduce destructive and criminal behavior. With proper mentoring, the at-risk youth can better participate in their education and contribute positively within their communities.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Target	FY 2016-17 Target
Percent of youth who report that counseling helped them to express their emotions constructively.	90%	90%	90%
Percent of youth who report that counseling helped them make positive choices for themselves.	69%	75%	75%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Probation Department has secured \$100,820 for Acknowledge Alliance from the California State JJCPA Fund to support this Agreement for two (2) years. The funds have been included in the FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 Adopted Budgets. There is no Net County Cost.