



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 16-515

Board Meeting Date: 9/12/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the City of San Mateo to provide juvenile diversion case management services on a pilot basis, extending the term by one year through June 30, 2018, and increasing the amount by \$95,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$245,000.

BACKGROUND:

During the FY 2015-17 budget process, the San Mateo Police Activities League submitted a **Measure K** (formerly 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 the 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 provided 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 K** 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 City of San Mateo 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 San Mateo Police Department as eligible for the mandated diversion counseling program throughout the pilot. On November 1, 2016, the County entered into an agreement with the San Mateo Police Department to provide the services described above for the term July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017.

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 8 completing, 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.

The program continues to be successful, with 35 youth in the program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Of these 35, there were 15 who completed, 15 still participating, and 5 failing to complete due to an arrest or failure to comply with their six-month contract. Of the 5 failing to complete, 4 re-offended. Of the 15 successfully completing the program, none have re-offended.

County Manager staff and Chief Probation Officer Keene met with the San Mateo Police Department to discuss the future of the pilot. It was agreed that the pilot should continue for one more year, then re-evaluated to determine the appropriate structure and support needed to continue and expand it to other cities.

County Counsel has reviewed the amendment 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 Actual	FY 2016-17 Actual
Number of youth enrolled in the SMPD Juvenile Diversion Program	31	35
Number of youth who failed to complete due to an arrest or failure to fulfill conditions of the contract	3 (10%)	5 (14%)
Number of youth who completed program / number re-offending after completing the program	8 completed/ 0 re-offended	15 completed/ 0 re-offended

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient funds budgeted in the FY 2017-18 Non-Departmental Services Budget for this purpose.