

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

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AGENDA DATE August 5, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Submit an Annual Plan to the State for Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program Funds and Accept Subsequent Funding – Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to submit an annual plan to the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs on an ongoing basis, for continued funding through the Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program to enhance substance abuse treatment services.
2. Authorize Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to accept the Offender Treatment Program funding on an annual basis.
3. Authorize the Behavioral Health Director or her designee to sign future agreements and any amendments to agreements with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs related to the Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The State grant for the Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program will result in \$248,719 in additional funding from the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. A local match of \$27,635 is required to receive the funds. The match has been included in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 department budget. Appropriations and estimated revenue to support this funding has also been included in the Stanislaus Recovery Center budget. There is no additional County General Fund impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-567

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the State appropriated funding statewide to expand and enhance current Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act programming, more commonly known as Proposition 36. The funding is provided through the Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program. The goal of the funding is to improve Proposition 36 offender accountability; increase participation, retention and completion rates; and expand treatment services.

Funding for this program has continued over the last two fiscal years, unfortunately at reduced amounts. On an annual basis, counties are asked to submit a plan for continued funding at the amounts established through the State Budget. Stanislaus County has tentatively been allocated \$248,719, pending approval of a final State Budget. In addition, a commitment of local funds at a ratio of one dollar for every nine State dollars is required. This amount was included and approved in the Department's 2008-2009 Proposed Budget submission. The criteria for continued funding through this program includes the following:

- The establishment and maintenance of a dedicated Court calendar with regularly scheduled reviews of treatment progress for persons ordered to drug treatment;
- The establishment of a Drug Court, and a willingness to accept defendants who are likely to be committed to state prison;
- The establishment and maintenance of protocols for the use of drug testing to monitor offenders' progress in treatment; and
- The establishment and maintenance of protocols for assessing offenders' treatment needs and the placement of offenders at the appropriate level of treatment.

The current program, which is a collaboration between Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the Probation Department, and Superior Court meets all of the required criteria to maintain this funding stream.

A portion of the funding is used to enhance efforts to engage offenders by having a Deputy Probation Officer and a Behavioral Health Specialist make direct contact with offenders following sentencing and providing immediate assessments, as appropriate. Currently, for ease of access, the Proposition 36 and Offender Treatment Program offices are located in the Adult Probation Department building across the street from the Courthouse. Without this additional funding, it is estimated that 50% of offenders sentenced to the Proposition 36 Program will not appear at the office to schedule an initial appointment. The additional staffing also helps to ensure that offenders keep the appointment once it has been scheduled, avoiding a violation of probation and a required court appearance.

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The balance of the funding will be used, as is available, to enhance treatment options, including expanded residential treatment services, use of the Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment Program at Stanislaus Recovery Center for those offenders diagnosed with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders, enhanced after care services and random substance abuse testing.

The Department is requesting authorization to submit the annual plan and accept funding on an ongoing basis. Future years' allocations will be included in the Department's budget, along with the required County Match funds. Any changes to the budgeted amounts will be returned to the Board for approval.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval to submit an Annual Plan to the State for Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program Funds and accept subsequent funding will support the Board priorities of *A safe community, A healthy community and Effective partnerships* and will enable additional services to be provided to local residents.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no impact on staffing associated with the request.