

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

For the Agenda of:
September 14, 2006

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Countywide Services Agency

Subject: Mental Health Court – Identification Of Higher Priority Requests That Were Not Recommended

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Background

On September 6, 2006, Judge Talmadge Jones made a request for funding for the Probation and Health and Human Services Departments totaling \$294,935 in order to implement a Mental Health Court. The Board requested that the Countywide Services Agency identify the other non-recommended requests that the Agency identified as being higher priority than the request for the Mental Health Court.

Discussion

The Countywide Services Agency received a total of \$10,336,038 in additional requests. The Office of Budget and Debt Management indicated that there was little, if any, funding available for additional requests and is projecting a significant budget shortfall for next fiscal year. Therefore, the Countywide Services Agency was compelled to recommend only the most critical needs within the Agency for additional funding.

Although the Agency recognizes the value of a Mental Health Court and the positive impact of the decriminalization of the mentally ill on the criminal justice system by reducing recidivism among this population, several other requests that were not recommended ranked higher than this request. Within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Agency recommended funding for the 3.0 APS positions that were added midyear with no funding due to the APS Strategic Plan. Additional requests from DHHS that the Agency did not recommend but that ranked higher than the Mental Health Court request include:

- In Home Support Services (IHSS) Case Management – 2.0 payroll positions; 3.0 program specialist positions; 1.0 Human Services Supervisor position
- Senior and Adult Services – 5.0 positions to complete the implementation of the APS Strategic Plan

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- IHSS – 1.0 Public Health Nurse Supervisor to bring supervising ratios to standard; 1.0 Sr. Mental Health Counselor to address needed assessments
- Nurse-Family Partnership – computers and laptops
- IT Analyst support to the CCS program to insure accurate case management data
- Mental Health Provider maintenance of service
- Custodian at Primary Care Center

The Probation Department presented the following requests that were not recommended and ranked higher than the Mental Health Court:

- Adult Field – 11.0 positions
- Adult Drug Court – 2.0 positions
- Neighborhood Accountability Board – 1.0 position

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

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