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Item: 38. AUTHORIZED submission of grant proposal to the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for approximately \$500,000 per year for three years to provide intervention and treatment services for users of methamphetamine and other emerging drugs among adult, rural populations, as recommended by the Health Services Agency Director



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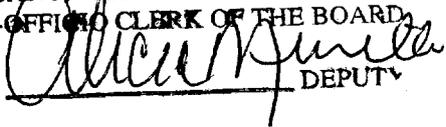
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County of Santa Cruz
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DATE: 1/25/05
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY  DEPUTY

AGENDA: January 25, 2005

SUBJECT: Application for Federal Alcohol and Drug Grant Funds

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency (HSA) requests your Board's authorization for the Alcohol and Drug Program to submit a grant application to the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) for approximately \$500,000 per year for three years to provide intervention and treatment services for users of methamphetamines and other emerging drugs.

In November 2004, CSAT announced the availability of funds to expand alcohol and drug treatment services in targeted areas of need. One of the areas of need identified in the request for applications is treatment focused on methamphetamines and other emerging drugs (e.g., prescription narcotics) in adult, rural populations. Based on CSAT's definition of rural, services can be provided to persons residing in all areas of the County except within the city of Santa Cruz.

In May 2004, the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) collaborated with the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program, Janus of Santa Cruz, and the Diversity Center to submit a proposal to CSAT to provide intervention and treatment services to address the growing use of Ecstasy, methamphetamine and other "club drugs" among gay men county-wide. The proposal scored well, but not well enough to be funded.

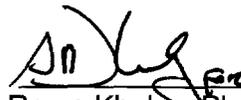
SCAP is working with HSA and the other partners to revise the May 2004 proposal to be specific to methamphetamines among rural populations and address the weaknesses identified by CSAT reviewers. Proposal revisions also include strengthening the evaluation component by adding ETR Associates as a sub-contractor for program evaluation.

As required by CSAT, the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program will be the lead agency for the proposal. Proposals are due to CSAT on January 23, 2005. A copy of the grant application will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board once it has been completed. If funds are awarded, HSA will return for approval and acceptance of funding. Funding to offset County administrative indirect costs will be included in the budget. The proposal will not require any new County general funds to implement.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve the submission of a grant proposal by the Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program to the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for approximately \$500,000 per year for three years to provide intervention and treatment services for users of methamphetamine and other emerging drugs among adult, rural populations.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.,
Health Services Agency Director

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Auditor Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration