

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 1/8/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Wayne Hansen 781-4282 Michael Stevens 781-4303	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve 1) a three-year grant from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the amount of \$250,000 per year to provide an enhanced treatment program for parents and their children within the existing Family Drug Court; 2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$187,500 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166 Behavioral Health; and 3) a related resolution amending the existing Position Allocation List for Behavioral Health Fund Center 166 to add a .50 FTE Drug and Alcohol Worker I.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION  It is recommended that the Board: 1. Approve a grant award from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the three year period 10/01/2012 to 09/30/2015 in the amount of \$250,000 per year to provide an enhanced treatment program for parents and their children within the existing Family Drug Court; 2. Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$187,500 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166 Behavioral Health (4/5 vote required); and 3. Approve a related resolution amending the existing Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166 Behavioral Health to add a .50 FTE Drug and Alcohol Worker I.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) SAMHSA	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$187,500	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$250,000	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1213062 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP  N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?  No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 1/8/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve 1) the implementation of the grant award from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the three year period 10/01/2012 to 09/30/2015 in the amount of \$250,000 per year to provide an enhanced treatment program for parents and their children within the existing Family Drug Court; 2) a budget adjustment in the amount of \$187,500 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166 Behavioral Health; and 3) a related resolution amending the existing Position Allocation List for Behavioral Health Fund Center 166 to add a .50 FTE Drug and Alcohol Worker I.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve a grant award from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the three year period 10/01/2012 to 09/30/2015 in the amount of \$250,000 per year to provide an enhanced treatment program for parents and their children within the existing Family Drug Court;
2. Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$187,500 from unanticipated revenue to Fund Center 166 Behavioral Health (4/5 vote required); and
3. Approve a related resolution amending the existing Position Allocation List for Fund Center 166 Behavioral Health to add a .50 FTE Drug and Alcohol Worker I.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has made funds available through a grant application and award process to provide an enhanced treatment program for parents and their children within the existing Family Drug Court. This program will serve participants who have current Child Welfare Services court cases in San Luis Obispo County. The County Behavioral Health Department was one of only ten SAMHSA awards granted nation-wide to Family Drug Court applicants.

The enhanced treatment program will include:

- A standardized Co-occurring Disorder screening for all Family Drug Court participants;
- A specialized framework for providing gender-responsive substance abuse treatment within an intensive outpatient treatment program;
- Trauma-focused substance abuse treatment;
- Residential treatment for pregnant women and women with children; and
- Case Coordination.

Many participants in the Family Drug Court program are employed locally and providing them with residential treatment within the county, combined with intensive outpatient treatment services, creates a treatment modality where clients can continue their employment while benefiting from the structure of residential housing and local treatment. The enhanced program also supports efforts to continue reunification between parents participating in the program and their children. The additional grant award will facilitate residential treatment for five (5) women and up to ten (10) children of theirs all within San Luis Obispo County. This enhanced program improves access to treatment and outcomes by pairing residential treatment with intensive outpatient addiction treatment. Other agency involvement includes the efforts of the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo, the Department of Social Services, County Drug and Alcohol Services, and the residential treatment provider.

Without the enhanced treatment program, individuals who have Child Welfare Services court cases would still receive supervision from the Department of Social Services, but residential care options and specialized treatment, with a focus on co-occurring disorders and treatment strategies that address addiction-related trauma, would not be available in this County.

Also, a .50 FTE Drug and Alcohol Services Worker I is requested to provide transportation and case coordination between the Department and the contracted residential care facility. A .50 FTE Court Clerk with the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo is also funded as part of the grant and will provide administrative support to the Family Drug Court including handling paperwork, scheduling the court calendar, notification to participants and tracking data.

If successful, participants in the Family Drug Court will have achieved and sustained a lifestyle of sobriety and recovery, including learning skills to better parent and keep their children safe. There will be decreased impact on social services (such as foster care placements and length of foster care stays) and reunited healthy families.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

Human Resources Department has reviewed and concurs that the appropriate classification for the new position is Drug and Alcohol Worker I and developed the Resolution before your Board.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Adopted fiscal year (FY) 2012-13 Behavioral Health budget did not include this grant. The SAMHSA award for the three year period is \$750,000. The annual grant amount is \$250,000 and covers the federal fiscal year October 1st through September 30th. The annual grant award for County FY 2012-13 is \$187,500, or 75% of the amount for the full year. A portion of the award will go to the SLO County Superior Court to cover personnel cost for an existing .50 FTE Court Clerk. Court Clerk costs are billed to Drug and Alcohol Services quarterly and reimbursed to the Superior Court. In future years the full \$750,000 will be applied to the following County fiscal years:

Funding by County Fiscal Year:

FY 2012-13 (Oct-12 – Jun-13)	\$187,500
FY 2013-14 (Jul-13 – Jun-14)	\$250,000
FY 2014-15 (Jul-14 – Jun-15)	\$250,000
FY 2015-16 (Jul 15 – Sep-16)	\$62,500

A Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) is submitted for the current fiscal year and breaks down spending in the following manner.

#### **Budget Summary for FY 2012-13 SAMHSA funds (9 months):**

Personnel cost (.50 FTE Worker I)	\$ 22,823
Personnel cost (.50 FTE Court Clerk)	\$ 29,927
Residential Facility	\$ 117,061
Supplies and Misc	\$ 17,689
TOTAL	\$ 187,500

There is no match requirement for this grant program, nor will it result in an increase to the General Fund support of the Department. Acceptance of this award does not require execution of an agreement with SAMHSA but is acknowledged by the County when funds are drawn down or otherwise obtained from the SAMHSA grant payment system.

## **RESULTS**

The current Family Drug Court, which focuses on family functioning and reunification, was established in January 2005 and has excellent outcome results, compared to a control group of Child Welfare Services participants who are not in the Family Drug Court. For example, the average length of time in foster care for Family Drug Court/Dependency Drug Court families with cases closed between 7/1/2011 and 6/30/2012 was 13 months; the time in foster care for CWS Control Group families was 19 months. Performance measures for this grant include:

- Eliminated use of alcohol and other drugs by the parents
- Decreased length of time in foster care for the children
- Decreased number of foster care placements per child
- Decreased length of time to achieve permanency for the family
- Improved stability of housing
- Reduced recidivism into Child Welfare System after case closure

This grant award will provide enhanced specialized intensive outpatient treatment services, will allow the Family Drug Court to maintain program capacity at 50 participants per year, and will re-establish the residential treatment capacity for women and their children which will help achieve the County's vision of a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous, and well-governed community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1: PAL Amendment Resolution
2. Attachment 2: Notice of Grant Award