



Board Agenda Item 36

DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Kirk Haynes, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Amendment I to Agreement with Justice System Partners

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a First Amendment to Agreement No. 20-306 with Justice System Partners (JSP), to include the addition of an Executive Advisor position for Year 5 with no change to the term of August 18, 2020 through August 17, 2025, or compensation maximum of \$350,000.

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action, which will add of an Executive Advisor position for the remainder of year 5. Approval of the recommended action will allow JSP to provide direct oversight in providing strategic counsel and continue to provide improved and efficient services to Probation for the PSA tool, which assesses an individual's flight and safety risk of being released from custody prior to trial without the need for face-to-face interviews. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, JSP will be unable to add an Executive Advisor position to the project team. This will limit JSP's ability to provide direct oversight and guidance during the implementation process, potentially impacting the project's efficiency and overall success.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The agreement is fully offset with Realignment Act of 2011 (AB 109) revenue. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in Probation's FY 24-25 Adopted Budget for Org 3430. Funding for subsequent years of the agreement will be included in future budget requests.

DISCUSSION:

On August 18, 2020, your Board approved an Agreement with JSP for full implementation services of an evidence based Public Safety Assessment (PSA) court tool within the Probation Department's Pretrial Program. The PSA is a validated risk assessment tool that eliminates the face-to-face interviews, which provides significant efficiencies and eliminates the need for Probation staff to be located at the County Jail. This tool assesses individuals for flight and public safety risk in a manner that is free from bias based on gender, income level, race, or ethnicity. Importantly, the PSA complies with SB 36, which became law on October 1, 2019. This legislation mandates that pretrial programs use validated assessment tools and requires their revalidated at least once every three years.

To enhance project oversight and improve service delivery, JSP has determined the need for an Executive

Advisor position. The reassignment of tasks within JSP has concluded to bifurcating the roles of Executive Advisor and Research Director to improve services. The Executive Advisor will provide strategic counsel, assist with troubleshooting implementation and/or validation challenges, interpreting findings, and developing recommendations for practice changes. The Research Director will provide direct oversight and support for day-to-day work tasks. These enhancements will enable JSP to better serve Probation as they implement and utilize the PSA tool.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #33, August 18, 2020

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Amendment I to Agreement with Justice System Partners

CAO ANALYST:

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