



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Philip F. Kader, County Probation Officer
Date: December 8, 2015
Subject: Contract with Barry Krisberg PHD

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Probation Officer, or his designee, to execute a contract containing mutual indemnification language with Barry Krisberg, PHD, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to provide expert review of Juvenile Hall policies and procedures for the period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of \$40,000 will be covered 100% by the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2013, Disability Rights Advocates (DRA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the rights of disabled persons, initiated a class-action lawsuit against Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa County Office of Education. This lawsuit alleges that the Probation Department denied juveniles with disabilities educational services required by federal law and challenges the use of room confinement as a disciplinary measure. The Probation Department strongly disputes the allegations made in the complaint. However, the Department is aware of the challenges it faces in disciplining Juvenile Hall residents while continuing to meet their educational needs

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/08/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 8, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

and maintaining the safety and security of all of the juveniles housed at Juvenile Hall, the staff, and the facility itself. As part of the settlement agreement, the County and DRA agreed to each select a subject matter expert to provide expert review of the Juvenile Hall's policies and procedures. DRA selected Dr. Krisberg and their subject matter expert.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County will be in violation of the settlement agreement.