



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held July 31, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to approve and instruct the Chairman to sign agreement with PROTOTYPES to accept two-year funding in total amount of \$863,000, under a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant awarded to PROTOTYPES, to implement Project Youth Embrace through the Departments of Probation and Public Defender, to provide comprehensive community reintegration services for probation youth and California Division of Juvenile Justice parolees being released back into the community and returning to Los Angeles County, effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2009; and authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the Public Defender to serve as Project Director for their respective Departments and to execute the agreement and any required extensions, revisions or amendments.

Robert B. Taylor, Chief Probation Officer, responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The past several years have presented the Probation Department with unique challenges on several different fronts. Many of these challenges were stimulated by audits conducted by Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio & Associates, PC (TCBA) and the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), as well as an investigation by the Department of Justice, which resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Justice Department and the County. It needs to be said that the Department has undergone remarkable changes which include embarking upon the implementation of the Title IV-E Wavier and shifting strategies to align with Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) and camp redesign. All of these efforts are aimed to significantly improve the Department's performance on multiple fronts.

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“In response to the challenges and achievements of the Department, the Board has invested a significant amount of resources and expects positive outcomes for the youth in the juvenile justice system. The Department’s improvement efforts and application of these resources should be driven by outcomes that are clearly identified and supported by strategies aligned with EBP and measured in a consistent and ongoing manner.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Chief Executive Officer’s attached recommendation; and
2. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Chief Probation Officer to:
 - Clearly identify key outcomes for the youth in the juvenile justice system, the supporting strategies with a timeline, based on Evidence-Based Practices, and the performance measures for each outcome;
 - Clearly define the roles of all parties in outcomes which involve other Departments/Agencies to eliminate any confusion, duplication and promote efficiency and accountability; and
 - Report back to the Board within 30 days, with semiannual progress reports thereafter.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Chief Probation Officer
Public Defender