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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 AUGUST 3, 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE BEST PRACTICES APPROACH INITIATIVE – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BEST PRACTICES MODEL WITHIN LOCAL JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMUNITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA) (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is requesting that your Board adopt a Resolution to support County’s participation in the Best Practices Approach Initiative – Technical Assistance for Best Practices Model within Local Juvenile Justice Communities (BPAI) administered by the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt a Resolution (Attachment 1) to support the County’s participation in BPAI administered by CSA, approved as to form by County Counsel.
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept any grant funds, if awarded, from CSA in an estimated amount of \$130,000 to \$300,000 in services, training and technical assistance from a vendor that has been selected by CSA through a competitive process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to adopt a Resolution to support the County’s participation in the BPAI and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding from the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. It is expected that each applicant selected will receive between \$130,000 to \$300,000 in services, training and

technical assistance from a vendor, selected by CSA through a competitive process, for the grant period of September 1, 2010 to July 31, 2012.

The BPAI is a federal grant administered by CSA. The total grant award availability will be approximately \$700,000 in the form of technical assistance supported by the federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). This funding opportunity will support technical assistance and training for three (3) county probation departments and their juvenile court partners who are prepared to participate in a system change approach in implementing and/or expanding the use of evidence-based practices (EBP) within their local juvenile justice communities. Funds will be used to deliver EBP training, services and technical assistance to probation departments and their juvenile court partners by a provider who was selected through a separate Request for Proposal process.

The BPAI Request for Application (RFA) is a competitive process and applicants will be rated for merit to determine which organizations best meet the intent and the requirements of this initiative. Evaluation will be based entirely upon an in-person interview with the Executive Steering Committee, which is comprised of juvenile justice practitioners and other subject matter experts. To qualify for an in-person interview, applicants must pass a technical compliance review that will be conducted by CSA staff.

The Probation Department intends to use the most up-to-date knowledge in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention within the context of best practices involving the following: 1) organizational development to create a culture that is accepting of best practices and evidence-based approaches; 2) the development of collaborations oriented to best practices and evidence-based approaches within the juvenile justice system; 3) the use of validated risk/needs assessment tools to determine corrections and rehabilitation case planning; 4) the use of evidence-based practices and programs to produce positive criminal justice and juvenile rehabilitative and developmental outcomes; 5) data collection and analysis to monitor program processes and outcomes; 6) performance management and improvement of programs and practices; 7) quality assurance assessments to ensure fidelity to proven models and adherence to standards of care; and 8) a focus on sustainability to ensure continuation of successful programs and practices after the termination of outside funding.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1: Operational Effectiveness, and Goal #5: Public Safety. Implementation of these recommendations will provide services that will be beneficial to probation youth and their families by improving their well being and promoting self-sufficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

If awarded, it is expected that each applicant selected will receive between \$130,000 to \$300,000 in services, training and technical assistance from a vendor that has been selected by CSA through a competitive process for the grant period of September 1, 2010 to July 31, 2012 from CSA. There is no net County cost (NCC) match requirement, and no fiscal impact. Funding is contingent on legislative funding and will be granted on a competitive basis.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The application deadline for the BPAI is July 19th, 2010. As part of the application process a Board of Supervisors' resolution must be submitted prior to the CSA in-person interviews tentatively

scheduled for August 12th and 13th, 2010. The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Probation Department to comply with grant requirements and continue the County's efforts to participate in a system change approach in implementing and/or expanding the use of evidence-based practices within local juvenile justice communities.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an original resolution and adopted board letter to: Los Angeles County Probation Department, Attention: Tasha Howard, Director, 9150 E. Imperial Highway, Room B83, Downey, CA 90242.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald H. Blevins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

DONALD H. BLEVINS
Chief Probation Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office/Clerk of the Board
County Counsel
Chief Executive Office

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BEST PRACTICES APPROACH INITIATIVE – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BEST PRACTICES MODEL WITHIN LOCAL JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMUNITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA)

WHEREAS the County of Los Angeles Probation Department desires to receive and utilize evidence-based training, services and technical assistance through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) Program administered by the Corrections Standards Authority (hereafter referred to as CSA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Probation Officer is authorized on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to submit the JABG application and sign a grant or services agreement CSA including any amendments there to.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Probation Department agrees to abide by the statutes and regulations governing the JABG Program as well as the terms and conditions of the grant application as set forth by the CSA.

The foregoing resolution was on the 3rd day of August, 2010, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
The County of Los Angeles

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