

**MEMORANDUM  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer

**DATE:** April 10, 2012

**SUBJECT:** **Approve two new contracts: one for placement of juvenile wards; and one for mental health services provided to those same wards in Humboldt County's Juvenile Detention Facility through March 31, 2014. The bed space contract shall not exceed \$5526 per bed, while the mental health services contract shall not exceed \$4485 per minor per month.**

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve two new contracts: one for placement of juvenile wards in Humboldt County's Juvenile Detention Facility through March 31, 2014; and one for mental health services to be provided to those minors housed at the Humboldt County facility through March 31, 2014. The bed space contract shall not exceed \$5526 per bed per month, while the mental health services contract shall not exceed \$4485 per minor per month.

**BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Probation Department has historically used a variety of facilities to meet the placement needs of the juvenile wards of this County. Due to the potential closure of Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities by the State of California, the Probation Department is seeking the use of facilities to accommodate offenders currently housed in DJJ facilities. At this time there are only two (2) offenders from Placer County in DJJ facilities.

The Humboldt County facility offers mental health services type programs within its secure facility unavailable within Placer County. The use of this facility would allow the Probation Department to attempt rehabilitation of minors with parental/guardian involvement whenever possible. It is the intent of this Department to establish a contractual relationship with Humboldt County that permits Placer County to use Humboldt County's facility on a space available basis (\$5526 per bed per month maximum charged at a rate of \$178.23 per day) from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, and two one-year automatic renewal options (to be used unless Probation enacts its thirty day termination clause).

Additionally, Probation seeks to enact a complementary contract with Humboldt County to allow for mental health services to be provided to the minors housed in the Humboldt facility (\$4485 per minor per month maximum charged at a rate of \$194.99 per minor, per day) from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014, and two one-year automatic renewal options (to be used unless Probation enacts its thirty day termination clause).

The State of California has proposed charging counties the rate of \$125,000 per minor per year to house and treat our minors at DJJ facilities. At the proposed rates of \$5526 per bed per month for bed space and \$4485 per month for mental health services, the department expects to pay no more than \$120,132 per minor per year, or \$4868 less per year than the State may charge. Humboldt County would be used as one of several facilities in which Placer might place at risk minors (This currently includes facilities in Yuba-Sutter, Del Norte, El Dorado and Solano counties).

The signing of the contract does not obligate Placer County to place minors with Humboldt County.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The placement of a minor into the Humboldt County facility is at the discretion of the Court and once ordered, the Probation Department is bound to act accordingly. The Probation Department proposes using State Youthful Offender Block Grant funds as budgeted for in the Final Budget for FY 2011-12 in the Support and Care of Minors line item to cover the cost of these Court ordered placements. There is no local or General Fund impact related to this contract.

The contracts are on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review.