

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Probation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Approval of the FY 04/05 Agreement with Blanch Brandt, Ph.D.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve the attached agreement with Blanch Brandt, Ph.D. and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND: This agreement in the amount of \$52,000 will continue the services of Blanch Brandt, Ph.D., who administers the Structure of Intellect/Vision Program at Twin Pines Ranch, Van Horn Youth Center, Desert Youth Academy (Indio Juvenile Hall), and the Day Reporting Centers in Riverside and Indio.

Departmental Concurrence

Research has shown that cognitive problems can be revealed through delinquency; the individual doesn't properly process information being read, and perceives that they are not intelligent, which reduces self-esteem and self-respect. Through the Structure of Intellect program, clients are given written tests, which are designed to identify obstacles to learning. Dr. Brandt provides an interpretation of the test results; if vision problems are indicated, clients are referred to an optometrist. Where cognitive problems are indicated, Dr. Brandt provides the diagnosis and/or treatment plan. The treatment, Vision Therapy, involves exercises designed to improve reading and information processing skills. Following this, clients have shown marked improvement in their self-esteem and self-worth, providing them with the desire to improve behavior.

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Marie Whittington

Marie Whittington, Chief Probation Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 52,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 23,900	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 23,900	For Fiscal Year:	FY 04/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal 18%; State 35%; County 46%; Other 1%	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature *Jelly A. Deaver*

Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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Funding for the agreement will continue at the same level as the previous fiscal year and is contained in the approved FY 2004/05 Final Budget; no additional funding is required.

This agreement has been approved as to form by the Office of County Counsel.

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