

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



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FROM: Department of Public Social Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Family Preservation Treatment Court Collaboration among Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Riverside County Superior Court, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, WestED, Mental Health Systems, Riverside County Substance Abuse Program, and Riverside County Department of Mental Health.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approves:

Departmental Concurrence

1. Riverside County DPSS to implement the attached "MOU" in collaboration with the Riverside County Superior Court as the lead agency in providing support and to promote effective, efficient, and accessible drug treatment, ensuring the development of a system that is responsive to emerging trends in drug abuse; and
2. Authorizes the collaborating agencies: Riverside County Superior Court, Riverside County DPSS, Riverside County Sheriff's Dept, WestED, Mental Health Systems, Riverside County Substance Abuse Program, and Riverside County Department of Mental Health to sign and administer the terms of the MOU. This MOU will remain in effect from the date of execution until December 31,

BACKGROUND (continued on page 2): 2010 unless amended or terminated.

Cynthia Hinckley

Cynthia Hinckley, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY05/08

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	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 *Dan Marting*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent
- Dep't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref: **District:** All **Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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BACKGROUND (continued):

The Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Riverside County Superior Court agreed to develop a family drug court based on a collaboration that would protect children from abuse and neglect involving substance abuse in the family through timely decisions, coordinated services, substance abuse treatment, and safe and permanent placements.

This collaboration was formed among Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Riverside County Superior Court, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, WestED, Mental Health Systems, Riverside County Substance Abuse Program, and Riverside County Department of Mental Health.

A collaborative approach to providing services to protect children from abuse and neglect will link individuals with intensive substance abuse treatment, Riverside County Sheriff's Department supervision, regular progress reports, mental health services, ongoing judicial oversight, and team management. Collaboration among agencies creates an environment with clear and certain rules where compliance is within the individual's control and he/she is encouraged to take control of his/her own recovery. This collaboration would reduce the treatment waiting time for clients, demonstrate improved effectiveness for those completing treatment, and reduce the number of children entering foster care.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No County funds are required.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: COUNTY COUNSEL

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