

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

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FROM: Probation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 27 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of the FY 06-07 Agreement with Valerie Rasner, O.D.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve a sole source agreement with Valerie Rasner, O.D. for administration of the Structure of Intellect and vision therapy programs for the Probation Department and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND: Probation is requesting approval of a sole source agreement with Dr. Valerie Rasner, a certified SOI therapist, in the amount of \$52,030, to continue oversight of the Structure of Intellect and vision therapy programs at Twin Pines Ranch, Van Horn Youth Center, Desert Youth Academy (Indio Juvenile Hall) and the Day Reporting Centers in Riverside and Indio.

Research has shown that cognitive problems can be revealed through delinquency. If an individual doesn't properly process information being read and perceives that they are not intelligent, this can reduce self-esteem and self-respect. Through the Structure of Intellect program, clients are given written tests, which are designed to identify obstacles to learning.

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Marie Whittington
Marie Whittington, Chief Probation Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 52,030	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 26,015	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 26,015	For Fiscal Year:	06-07

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal 2%; State 45%; County 50%; Other 3%	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 *Sally A. Pearson*

Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.39 10-18-05 | District: All | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
JUL 05 2006
BY *[Signature]*
Departmental Counsel
Purchasing: *[Signature]*
Assistant Director

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Dr. Rasner provides an interpretation of the test results; if vision problems are indicated, clients are referred to an optometrist. Where cognitive problems are indicated, Dr. Rasner 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, giving them the desire to improve behavior.

The department contacted the Fullerton School of Optometry for assistance in locating an SOI certified therapist for FY 2006/07. Dr. Valerie Rasner emerged as the only local practitioner. We negotiated a one year agreement with Dr. Rasner to provide 473 hours of service at a rate of \$110.00 per hour. The 2006/07 contract award in the amount of \$52,030 remains at the same rate as the previous year. Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2006-07 Probation Department Budget.

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