

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

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FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 20, 2008

SUBJECT: Ratify the Agreement # AP 3701-00 with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Approve and:

1. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the attached Agreement #AP 3701-00, without competition, between the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) and the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) for the period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$38,800;
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign any future ministerial amendments and exercise two (2) renewal options for an amount not to exceed an increase of 15% over the maximum agreement amount annually; and
3. Authorize the Director of DPSS to administer this Agreement.

Susan Loew

Susan Loew, Director

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$6,900	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$6,900	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$31,900	For Fiscal Year:	2007/2008

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal: 42.90% ; State: 37.30% ; County: 18.70% ; Realignment: 1.10%	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

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

MAY 20 2008

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 4/4/06 (#3.16) | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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M. Seiler
 Mark Seiler, Assistant Director
 County Purchasing Department

M. L. Victor
 Marsha L. Victor, Deputy
 County Counsel

 Departmental Concurrence

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SUBJECT: Contract Agreement #AP 3701-00 with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD)

BACKGROUND:

NCCD is recognized for having developed the Structured Decision Making (SDM) tool that is utilized in Child Protective Services by 28 counties in California, including Riverside County. Because SDM is considered the industry standard, in 1999, the State of California issued a sole source contract with NCCD for the SDM model in California. Recognizing that SDM is unique and there is not a competitive product on the market, the State of California renewed its sole source contract with NCCD.

The Structured Decision Making (SDM) tool has been statistically validated in the child protection field through field testing conducted by the California Department of Social Services in cooperation with numerous counties in California, extending over several years. The Structured Decision Making (SDM) product is a set of specific, objective and reliable tools with which to make the best social work decisions possible in cases of abuse or neglect. The principle behind SDM, which has been validated by research, is the decisions and case outcomes are improved by well defined and consistently applied decision making criteria, where practice standards and expectations of staff are clearly defined and reinforced.

Based on the similarities in social work practice and critical decisions that occur in both child and adult abuse cases, and given the SDM product's effectiveness, in 2006 Riverside County embarked upon a partnership with NCCD to adapt the tool for use in Adult Protective Services. Since that time, we have been able to adapt the first two modules of SDM to APS cases and we have implemented a third module focused on the assessment of client safety.

To further the development of this tool, we are bringing forward a new contract for services. The scope of services outlined in this contract is unlike that of previous contracts. Whereas the previous contract focused on the data base structure and implementation of SDM tools, this contract allows for the development of an expert group, continual improvements to the SDM tools, advanced training, and the production of management reports.

As a result of inquiries from other counties, we have been sharing information about this project and find that many other counties are looking to adopt this tool for APS.