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Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Via Hand delivery

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

I am a member of the board of directors of the Alliance for Addiction Solutions. The Alliance provides support to the addiction treatment community primarily through education regarding best practices and emerging treatment advances for recovering substance abusers and support for their loved ones. In the past decades we've presented conferences showcasing successful innovations in treatment, such as acupuncture, nutritional interventions, and various psycho-social and institutional settings innovations. We are currently focusing our efforts on the effects of targeted nutritional supplements on the course of recovery and prevention of relapse.

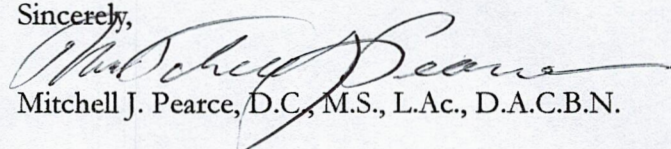
We have become aware of Proposition 47 funded grants from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and their yearly funding cycle. I'm also aware that Riverside County was awarded grants to the Riverside County Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions, the Riverside County Veterans' Services last year. Congratulations!

We are interested in formally studying specific nutrient supplements for alcoholics and other substance abusers in a controlled environment. These would essentially consist of a control group receiving current standard care as defined by the agency administering it and an experimental group where targeted nutritional supplements would be added to the standard treatment regimen. It appears that Proposition 47 funded grants from the BSCC would be an ideal source of funding.

If you would be interested in receiving such grants with The Alliance for Addictions Solutions identified as a contractor within the grant, we would be very interested in designing and implementing a study that could be funded by a BSCC Proposition 47 grant. Our goal is to determine if the addition of targeted nutritional interventions that show promise in the field will improve outcomes under the rigors of a randomized controlled trial (RCT). RCT's are the gold standard for proof of efficacy. We expect it will but need a controlled trial to find out. I expect it will take a year of planning and that we could apply for the grant next spring.

If there is interest, next step would be to schedule an appointment with Sheriff Bianco or his designee with me so that AAS can familiarize itself with your current treatment programs in controlled settings. If we find we can design an alliance with your current approach(es), we can proceed to grant writing and implementation. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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