

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 3, 2023

CATEGORY: Consent Calendar 2

SUBJECT: Approve an amendment to the agreement with the Anderson Union High School District for Deputy Probation Officers to serve as Juvenile Prevention Officers which adds a Deputy Probation Officer III to serve as a Juvenile Prevention Officer at Anderson Union High School and increases compensation payable to the County.

DEPARTMENT: Probation

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Tracie Neal, Chief Probation Officer, (530) 245-6200

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Tracie Neal, Chief Probation Officer

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
Simple Majority Vote	No General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an amendment to the agreement with the Anderson Union High School District to provide Deputy Probation Officers to serve as Juvenile Prevention Officers which adds one additional Deputy Probation Officer III to serve as a Juvenile Prevention Officer at Anderson Union High School and increases compensation payable to County by \$176,122 for a new maximum compensation not to exceed \$516,866 for period October 3, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Currently, the County provides a Deputy Probation II to West Valley High School and a Deputy Probation Officer III to North Valley High School to serve as Juvenile Prevention Officers (JPO) and to support school operations. Anderson Union High School District (AUHSD) has requested one additional Deputy Probation Officer III to serve as a JPO at Anderson Union High School for a total of two DPO III and one DPO II.

Prevention and early intervention prevent the onset of delinquency behavior and supports the development of a youth's assets and resilience. A Deputy Probation Officer, as a JPO, provides prevention and early intervention services for youth involved in, and at risk of becoming involved in, the Juvenile Justice System, and for youth displaying truancy behaviors or status offenses. The JPO provides mentoring, supporting, and addressing truancy, conducting presentations on youth related issues, and coordinating services and evidence-based programs. Building relationships with the staff, students, school counselors, and parents will be a primary role of the JPO.

This proactive approach is designed to engage the students with a pro-social adult who will foster relationships with the focus of on-going and early prevention of the above-mentioned behaviors. Engagement is one of the most difficult aspects of the probation system, yet research shows that building rapport with our population considerably reduces the risk of re-offense. The JPO serves as the liaison between students and parents and social services agencies and community-based organizations and connect families with services as needed. The JPO works with parents and staff to create strategies that will increase parental involvement and support collaborative school efforts. The JPO attends community events, school activities, outreach programs and conduct home visits as needed in order to provide prevention and early intervention services.

Addressing and reducing truancy will also be a top priority for our JPO. Studies show youth who regularly attend school are less likely to become involved in crime. Increasing school attendance and participation in education is an important aspect of raising well developed youth who have the pro-social and cognitive skills to become productive members of the community.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could decide not to approve the amendment, provide direction to staff or request additional information. Not approving the amendment would leave AUHSD without an assigned JPO at Anderson High School and the County would forego the revenue to offset the costs budgeted with the approved position.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the amendment as to form. Risk Management has approved the amendment. The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Appropriations for the Deputy Probation Officer III position are included in Probation's Fiscal Year 2023-24 adopted budget. Revenue received by AUHSD will fund JPO position with Net County Cost being zero.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: AUHSD Amendment