



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: June 3, 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO. //

Consent Agenda ☒

Regular Agenda ☐

Public Hearing ☐

County Administrator's Signature:

Subject:

Approval of Final Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (CJMHSARG) Reinvestment Expansion Grant Program Report for the period of February 22, 2011 through February 21, 2014.

Department:

Safety and Emergency Services

Staff Member Responsible:

Bruce Moeller, Executive Director

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) APPROVE THE FINAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT (CJMHSARG) PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 22, 2011 THROUGH FEBRUARY 21, 2014.

Summary Explanation/Background:

In the 2007 Legislative Session, CS/CS/HB 1477 passed and created the CJMSARG. A total of \$3.8 million was made available for the three (3) year program. Pinellas County's allocation of \$639,744.84 was approved to expand the Public Defender's Jail Diversion Program to increase the number of clients served by admitting formerly ineligible, chronically inebriate clients with co-occurring mental illness into the jail diversion program. The grant ended on February 21, 2014.

The grant close-out process requires the Board approve the final Program Report. The Report is for the entire three (3) year CJMHSARG grant award period, February 22, 2011 through February 21, 2014.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

None

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

1. Contract Review Transmittal Slip
2. Final CJMHSARG Program Report

NON-PURCHASING CONTRACT REVIEW TRANSMITTAL SLIP

PROJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (CJMHSARA) Final Reports Approval and Certification for Grant Closeout	
CONTRACT NO.: N/A	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE / REVENUE: N/A (Circle or underline appropriate choice above.)

In accordance with Contract Administration and its Review Process, the attached documents are submitted for your review and comment. Please complete this Non-Purchasing Contract Review Transmittal Slip below with your assessment, and **forward to the next Review Authority on the list, skipping any authority marked "N/A."** Indicate suggested changes by noting those in "Comments" column, or by revising, in RED, the appropriate section(s) of the document(s) to reflect the exact wording of the desired change(s).

OTHER SPECIFICS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT:

REVIEW SEQUENCE	DATE	INITIAL/ SIGNATURE	COMMENTS (IF ANY)	COMMENTS REVIEWED & ADDRESSED OR INCORPORATED
Originator: Michael Cooksey Justice & Consumer Services	5/7/14	MC		
Risk Mgmt: Virginia Holscher	5/8/14	GH	Grant / NO INS. Req.	5/19/14
Finance:** Cassandra Williams	5/8/14	CW		
OMB:** Bill Berger	5/12/14	VB		5/19/14
Legal: Carl Brody	5/14/14	CB		
Executive Director: Bruce Moeller, Safety and Emergency Services	5/19/2014	BM		

Please return to Marie Kingsbury By 5/19/2014 ~~05/19/14~~.

All inquiries should be made to Marie Kingsbury Ext. 4-6459.

** See Contract Review Process

Revised 5.13.13

**Criminal Justice, Mental Health & Substance
Abuse Reinvestment Act - Expansion Grant Progress Report
Pinellas County MOU #LHZ35**

Report Period: February 22, 2011 through February 21, 2014

FINAL REPORT

Section 1. Contact Information

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Section 2. Detailed Progress Summary

The program is an expansion of the Pinellas County Mentally Ill Jail Diversion Program to increase the number of clients served by admitting formerly ineligible, chronically inebriate clients with co-occurring mental illness into the jail diversion program, and expand the services provided by placement of these clients into a detoxification program; once detoxification is completed, the program will continue to provide jail diversion services to clients in the target group to reduce recidivism and effectively rehabilitate this group.

The composition of our Planning Council membership is as follows:

Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
Bob Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Tom McGrady, Chief Judge
The Honorable Patrick K. Caddell, County Court Judge
Chief Chuck Harmon, Police Chief
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff
Matt Sampson, State Probation Circuit Administrator
Robert LaSala, Local Court Administrator
Susan Latvala, Pinellas County Commission
Bob Neri, Westcare, Local Substance Abuse Treatment Director
Nancy Hamilton, Operation PAR, Community Mental Health Agency Director
Jeff Watts, DCF – Substance Abuse Program Office Representative

Terry Taggart, Primary Consumer of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Don Turnbaugh, Primary Consumer of Community-Based Treatment Family member
Raine Johns, Area Homeless Program Representative
Steve Mullis, DJJ Chief Probation Officer
Tim Niermann, DJJ Director of Detention Facility

We had no difficulty in filling these positions relative to this grant application.

We currently utilize two detox facilities: Windmoor Psychiatric Hospital and PAR High Point Detox Center.

A master's level therapist and a caseworker were added to our jail diversion staff in both Pinellas and Pasco Counties in 2011. Our master's level therapist schedules group therapy sessions weekly at our apartment complex described below. Central Florida Behavioral Health Network is providing a caseworker for Baker Act coordination in Pinellas County. Suncoast Center provides a caseworker to assist our clients with becoming involved in volunteer work and resolving transportation issues.

Negotiations were completed for the Pinellas County Housing Authority to purchase a 10 unit apartment building for the exclusive use of the Public Defender's Office; our office rents the entire complex on a monthly basis, utilizing existing County funds which are not a part of the match for this grant. Eight of the units in this complex are being utilized to provide transitional housing for our jail diversion clients; one unit is currently occupied by a supervisor for the complex, and one unit is being utilized for an office for our social workers. These efficiency units were initially furnished with reinvestment grant funds which were approved by a budget amendment for this purpose. Ongoing costs will now be funded by rents collected from clients. Clients approved for occupancy pay rent to the Public Defender's Office based on a percentage of their income, with a goal of becoming self-sustaining and moving into permanent housing.

Pinellas County has established a separate account into which we deposit rents collected from clients who are living in these units. This account is being used for replenishment of supplies and to offset county funding used to pay the rental on the complex.

Statistical data on all clients admitted to the program for the grant period is attached, along with a recap of client information. The program identifies the most chronic homeless alcoholic persons in our county through extensive collaboration with law enforcement, mental health agencies, shelters, hospitals and social service agencies. We follow these identified persons through the system and work to build their trust so that we can place them into a detoxification program. It often takes multiple engagements, but our continued follow-up with each client and all agencies involved during detoxification and after placement helps the most chronic achieve stability. Our goal is alcohol treatment, mental health stability, housing, financial stability and community involvement for each client.

A review of our estimated budget versus necessary client expenditures in the last 12 months of our program indicates that once clients completed detoxification, many needed more than the originally estimated 2 months rent support, which depleted our "Rent/Utilities" category in this reporting period. Further, our placements for these clients were in housing facilities that included supervision, counseling, assistance with benefits applications and recovery support, costing more than the \$500 per month originally estimated for this category. Since the "Rent/Utilities" category in the Contractual Expenses report also included extensive client support services, we have reported "Rent/Utilities" combined with "Other Expenses" in this final report to more accurately reflect the services these clients received. Further, this allowed clients who needed less time in detoxification to receive far greater assistance when placed in a more interactive and supportive environment, thus further ensuring their success.

We have requested continued funding for the chronic inebriate expansion of our jail diversion program from Pinellas County. Based upon the success we have achieved with this approach, the benefit to our community of assisting the target population in this manner, and the fiscally sound impact it has made on taxpayer dollars, we are hopeful the county will support our efforts to continue the program.

RECAP CHRONIC INEBRIATE DCF EXPANSION GRANT

YEAR	NUMBER CLIENTS	MAY 2011 - FEBRUARY 2014			DECEASED CLIENTS
		ARRESTS BEFORE JD	ARRESTS AFTER JD	PERCENTAGE DECREASE ARRESTS	
2011	37	536	12	98%	2
2012	84	1150	63	95%	0
2013	40	853	23	97%	0
TOTALS	161	2,539	98	96%	

AVERAGE COST SPENT PER CLIENT - \$3,397