

Kittitas County Juvenile Probation

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

10/4/2011

ACTION REQUESTED:

Request to approve the Chair's signature on the agreement for the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas County (DRC) to provide Victim Offender Mediation (VOM) for victims of juvenile offenders and those juveniles as referred by the Juvenile Court or Community Accountability Board (CAB) of Kittitas County.

BACKGROUND:

For several biennia the DRC has provided VOM through trained mediators as a Restorative Justice intervention in juvenile offenses where the victim is willing and the offender is required and prepared to interact with the victim as a sanction for criminal action by the juvenile through the authority of the court or CAB's action. VOM has been a program funded through Community Juvenile Accountability Act funds until the current biennium. It is being reviewed for possible inclusion as a Promising Program to be eligible again for State JRA administered funding again. Meanwhile, the DRC has offered to perform VOM on select few situations. The agreement is little changed from prior documents outlining our relationship.

INTERACTION:

The DRC has been instrumental in determining how it could continue to provide the service. Juvenile Court staff have reviewed the effects and processes necessary for successful and efficient VOM. The Presiding Judge has approved the relationship as indicated by his signature after the legal review of the document by the assigned legal counsel.

RECOMMENDATION:

Respectfully recommend the BOCC approve the Chair signing the obligating document.

HANDLING:

Please return all signed originals to JCA Holmes for his pursuing DRC signature and return of a final signed document.

LEAD STAFF:

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