

Kittitas County Juvenile Probation

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

11/4/2014

ACTION REQUESTED:

BOCC ratify the Chair's signature

BACKGROUND:

Kittitas County Juvenile Court has been without a qualified vendor to provide the Community Juvenile Accountability Act based Evidence Based Program identified as Functional Family Therapy (FFT) for approximately two years. FFT is an allotted and funded program through our Consolidated Contract with DSHS/Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration (JJ&RA). We have at least one qualifying juvenile offender and cooperative family but the period of court ordered supervision over the offender is expiring and the time needed to apply the program is months long.

INTERACTION:

This JCA approached JJ&RA and DSHS Children's Administration and Yakima County Juvenile Court and Comprehensive to identify sufficient referrals to support investment of a treatment provider to train and support a caseload of necessary size. Yakima County Juvenile Court trained a person to qualify as a FFT Therapist, as did Comprehensive. Yakima Juvenile Court has been assistive and offered access to their therapist so this agreement allows us to access that program for intervention with juvenile offenders while we continue to work with Comprehensive to contract with them as well. Our legal advisor reviewed the document and approved for content. The Presiding Judge of our Superior Court who is the authority to order a youth to FFT has signed the document to allow access to FFT. The Court Administrator for Yakima County has signed the document to reflect their agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the BOCC ratify the Chair's signature for full recognition of access to this program for qualifying youth under the supervision of the juvenile court.

HANDLING:

A fully signed document has been filed with the BOCC.

LEAD STAFF:

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