

June 28, 2005

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Programs requesting approval of two contracts allowing for the continuation of substance abuse detoxification services; the FY 2004/05 agreement with Community Action Marin in the amount of \$404,000 to provide detoxification and transitional planning services (amendment), and the FY 2005/06 agreement with Lawyers for One America in the amount of \$417,000 to provide detoxification services at the Helen Vine Detox Center (new).

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the President to sign the FY 2004/05 agreement with Community Action Marin in the amount of \$404,000 for detoxification and transitional planning services (amendment).
2. Authorize the President to sign the FY 2005/06 agreement with Lawyers for One America in the amount of \$417,000 for detoxification services (new).

SUMMARY: The Helen Vine Detoxification Center provides residential services to individuals with substance abuse problems. These support and treatment-related services allow the clients to return to the community. For the past several years, these services have been managed pursuant to an agreement between the County and Community Action Marin (CAM).

In May 2005, the HHS Division of Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Programs issued a Request for Letters of Interest to prospective applicants to provide administrative and fiscal management of the Helen Vine Detox Center. After a proposal review and interview process, Lawyers for One America was selected to serve as the administrative and fiscal agent for Helen Vine Detox Center, beginning on July 1, 2005. The increase in \$17,000 to Community Action Marin's current contract will assist in the transitional planning of the Helen Vine Detox Center to a new agency. The Lawyers for One America contract is to provide residential detoxification services at the Helen Vine Detox Center beginning on July 1, 2005.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: Substance abuse is a serious and significant concern in Marin County. The contract amendment and execution referenced above will enable detoxification services to be provided on an uninterrupted basis throughout this transition period.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:

None. There is no net County cost associated with this action. Funds for the proposed FY 2005-06 contract are included in the proposed baseline budget.

REVIEWED BY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auditor-Controller	[N/A]
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	[N/A]

Sincerely,

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Director