

# Probation Department county of TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: March 17, 2009
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Public Hearing Required Yes No N/A Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Yes No N/A N/A Published Notice Required Yes No N/A Advertised Published Notice Yes No N/A N/A Meet & Confer Required Yes No N/A Delectronic file(s) has been sent Yes No N/A Delectronic file(s) has been sent Yes No N/A Dersonnel Resolution attached Yes No N/A Personnel Resolution attached Yes No N/A Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes No N/A CONTACT PERSON: Marichu A. Baker PHONE: 733-6207 ext. 6416
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#### SUBJECT:

Amending the FY 2008/09 Approved Budget of the Probation Department to Include Additional Expenditures to Incur and Revenue to Recognize from the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project Fund.

### REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve the amendment of the FY 2008/09 budget of the Probation Department to include additional expenditures for the implementation of the Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act and recognize revenues awarded from the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) Fund.
- Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308. (4/5's vote required)

## **SUMMARY:**

In 2001, the California State Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 636 (AB 636), the Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act, to replace the state's process-driven county compliance review system with a new system that focused on

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results. AB 636 provides the legal framework for the California Child and Family Services Reviews - a new system for measuring and monitoring the performance of each county child welfare system. This new system was implemented in January 2004 and operates on the philosophy of continuous improvement, interagency partnerships, community involvement and public reporting of outcomes. It will allow the state to gauge its performance against national standards while measuring the performance of counties on other critical outcomes and tracking improvement over time. To help counties implement this new outcome measure, the Child Welfare Services Outcomes Improvement Project (CWSOIP) Funds was made available. The CWSOIP funds, which do not require a county match, are intended to support county efforts to improve outcomes for children by providing counties with additional resources for activities such as: implementing new procedures, providing special training to staff or caregivers, purchasing services to meet unmet needs, conducting focused/targeted recruitment of caregivers or improving coordination between public and/or private agencies. The CWSOIP Funding is an augmentation to the federal funding provided for Title IV-E which has been recommended by the Chief of Probation Officers of California (CPOC) to help Probation Departments meet the same federal outcomes standards as CWS.

The Probation Department was awarded \$26,000 funding from CWSOIP funds to cover costs of implementation of California Child and Family Services Reviews system. Since the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is the county department responsible for the administration of CWSOIP funds in the County, the Probation Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Child Welfare Services Division of Health and Human Services Agency (CWS) for the processing of CWSOIP Augmentation Allocation.

The Probation Department is now seeking authorization from the Board of Supervisors to amend its approved budget for fiscal year 2008/09 to include the revenue awarded by the CWSOIP funds and the incremental expenses arising from the implementation of the above new performance measuring and monitoring system.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The additional expenditures and revenue for the above mentioned performance measuring/monitoring system will have no impact on the General Fund. The total expenditures of \$26,000 requested to be added to the approved budget of the Probation Department for FY 2008/09 will be offset by revenues that the department

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will be receiving from the CWSOIP Funds as shown in the attached AUD 308.

#### **LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The above new performance measuring and monitoring system is aimed at improving the current system of our child welfare services by focusing at the results rather than at the process. This enables the Probation Department to sift its process in its delivery of service to the children in the Placement Unit and target those that need improvement. This supports one of the important initiatives of the County which focuses on the quality of life.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to approve this proposal. This is not recommended because this proposal supports a vital part the County's Strategic Business Plan. The funding needed is provided by the CWSOIP without county match and a memorandum of understanding with CWS is already in place for this project.

#### **INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

Auditor's Office will review and approve the necessary budget adjustments. Health and Human Services is responsible for the administration of CWSOIP funds in the County.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Janet M. Honadle

Title

**Chief Probation Officer** 

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Auditor/Controller

County Counsel

County Administrative Office (2) Health and Human Services

Attachment - AUD308

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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ATTEST:	JEAN M. ROUSSEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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