RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-419

MEETING: August 12, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer

RE: Approve Professional Services Agreement with Alliance for Community Research and Development, LLC

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Professional Services Agreement with Alliance for Community Research and Development, LLC for evaluation of the AB109/Center for Opportunity Reentry Education (CORE) Programs: 2014/2015, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement. The study will be conducted by researchers employed by and in partnership with the University of California Merced. The evaluation will assist the Probation Department, Human Services, Mental Health, District Attorney, Sheriff, and CORE to review and improve current data collection and measurement (e.g., forms, procedures).

The evaluation will examine if participation in AB109 and CORE programs are contributing to improvements to participants and help identify strengths and weaknesses in the current programs. Analysis will include looking at how AB109 and CORE activities and services support the County's capacity to serve participants and reduce recidivism.

The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Implementation Plan included funds set aside for program evaluation anticipating the need for such at the 3 year mark. The State has continued to provide planning funds that can be used for program evaluation so there is no cost to the general fund. The State highly recommends evaluations on AB109 programs be conducted on a regular basis.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board could direct the Community Corrections Partnership to look at alternative approach to evaluating program effectiveness.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Contract amount is included in 2014-2015 proposed Community Corrections AB 109 Fund. There is no General Fund impact.

ATTACHMENTS:
Alliance for Community Research and Development (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrator

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Lee Stetson, Merlin Jones, Kevin Cann, John Carrier
EXCUSED: Janet Bibby