
RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

That the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution approving Kings View for State licensing as a First Offender Drinking Driver Program, and authorize the Human Services Director to obtain a waiver to operate a shorter program.

See attached Justification.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

SEE ATTACHED

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County does not provide First Offender Drinking Driver Program services and program participants are referred to other counties to obtain services.

COSTS: ( ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $________
B. Total anticipated costs $________
C. Required Add'l funding $________
D. Source: ________________________

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Internal transfers $________
B. Unanticipated revenues $________
C. Reserve for contingency $________
D. Description: ___________________
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $________

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:
Recommended
For Policy Determination
Returned for Further Action
Not Recommended
Submitted with Comment

Comment:

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Mariposa, State of CA
By: Deputy

Action Form Revised 12/89
Background/Justification

Kings View has been operating a first offender drinking program in Mariposa County for several years. During this time, the County was responsible for administrative and monitoring oversight of the program.

Senate Bill 1344 (Chapter 803, Statutes of 1989), require each county to determine its ability to establish an alcohol and drug education and counseling program for persons who are convicted of their first offense of driving-under-the-influence or other drugs.

Section 11837.4 (c) of Chapter 9, Division 10.5 of the Health and Safety Code allows for the first offender program to be:

1. a new program licensed only to provide first offender services; or
2. An extension of a program licensed to provide 18-month (currently 12-month) or 30 month services.

The State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (SDADP) assumed responsibility to license first offender programs on January 1, 1990, and will be responsible for administrative and monitoring oversight of programs in coordination with County alcohol program administrators.

S.B. 1344 requires a minimum of 30 hours of counseling and education for the first offender program. However, counties can request a waiver to this requirement in instances where it can be demonstrated that the required amount of hours may hinder the ability to provide services, especially where it can be demonstrated that fees generated cannot offset program delivery costs. Mariposa County will need to obtain a waiver to the 30 hour requirement to ensure that the program will not operate in deficit.

Attached for review is an outline of the proposed program.

Approval of the program will have no impact on county revenues since the program is 100 percent supported by participant fees.
Mariposa County
Convicted First Offender
Driving Under the Influence Program

Program Goal:

To provide education and counseling services to decrease the incidents of driving under the influence and repeat offenders.

Program Duration and Fee:

Program participants will be enrolled for a minimum of three months and will receive 25 hours of counseling, education and group interaction services. Fees will be set at $325.00. No one will be denied services due to an inability to pay.

Program Elements:

1. Initial Intake Sessions

   One hour sessions to enroll in the program. Includes explanation of program rules, explanation of program fees and agreement on payment schedules, assessment of alcohol and other drug using history, and other areas of concern worth noting.

2. Education Group and Interaction Sessions:

   Nine two-hour educational and group interaction sessions covering the following topical areas:

   * Definition and history of alcohol use
   * Alcohol and the law
   * Alcohol effects on the body, family, and community
   * Alcohol and drug interactions
   * Etiological theories of alcoholism
   * Treatment and recovery models
   * The twelve step approach of Alcoholics Anonymous

3. Individual Counseling Sessions:

   Six one-hour sessions will be provided for the purpose of determining the progress of the participants and to allow time to discuss personal problem areas which may contribute to continued alcohol and drug-related offenses. Sessions will be scheduled on a bimonthly basis.

4. Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous:

   Bimonthly attendance at A.A. or N.A. will be required. Participants will comment on their perceptions of these meetings at group education sessions.

Note: Program elements may be adjusted or modified on a case-by-case basis in instances where participants are deemed unsuitable for involvement. An example of this is when staff determine that a participant needs increased counseling and recovery oriented services for alcoholism. Any adjustments to the program elements will be noted in case files. Minimum program requirements will be maintained.