

## Board Inquiry Form

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Department: ADMHS, PHD, P&D

Date: **6-5-09**

Budget Pages(s):

**Request/Question:** Outside Agencies requests: What is the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) the Human Services Commission (HSC), Santa Barbara Channel Keepers and Santa Ynez Valley citizen's requesting from the Board in the way of support or funding for the specific programs mentioned in their presentations?

**Report Back by:** Rachel Katz, Kimbra Caywood McCarthy, Richard Morgantini

**Response:**

ADHMS: The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) was requesting support of the Board for it to be allowed to bid on the Drug Court program in the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services department. At the time the letter was written, Mental Health Systems was providing this service for the Drug Court. Subsequent to this communication, Mental Health Systems decided that it could not continue to do the Substance Abuse Treatment Court service in South County because there had not been enough referrals to make it financially viable. As a result, the service in South County has now been transferred to CADA, and it has picked up all the clients from Mental Health Systems. CADA administers the program now and the matter has been resolved to CADA's benefit and satisfaction.

PHD:

Human Services Commission: Is requesting no reductions in funding or staff support and restoration of cost of living adjustment (COLA) to program funding. Restoration of funding and COLA is \$182,500 and 0.5 FTE is \$49,452, total of \$231,952. Staff reduction is due to transfer of children's' program from PHD to Department of Social Services. The 0.5 FTE is not being eliminated but rather will assume other program responsibilities.

Channel Keepers: Restoration of funding for non-summer beach testing/monitoring eliminated by the Public Health Department due to the loss of State funding for this program. Cost of restoration is \$ 55,000. PHD has tentatively secured funding for FY 2009-10 to provide ocean water testing at 16 beaches for 7 months. This assumes the \$51,000 PHD has been notified it will receive for FY 2009-10 will materialize from the State. PHD has not received the contract as of this date but it is not identified in State funding cuts made public to date. If the \$51,000 is not received, the needed funding for 12 months of ocean water testing will be \$106,000. If funded, the County is required to test during summer months with the \$51,000 provided through the State. There is no requirement to test during winter months.

P&D: Santa Ynez Valley citizens are requesting that the Buellton Planning Office remain open (at an approximate annual cost of \$147,000) and that the public counter hours in Santa Maria be maintained at current levels.