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Yolo County Issues Intent to Award Notices for Proposition 47 Program

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency has announced its intent to award contracts funded by a Proposition 47 grant to provide supportive services to individuals with a mental health and/or substance use disorder who are eligible for a local criminal justice diversion program.

Contracts have been awarded to Legal Services of Northern California and the Sacramento County Office of Education for services which include outreach and assessment, intensive case management, substance use disorder treatment, civil legal assistance, mental health services and permanent housing assistance. Legal Services of Northern California, a private non-profit legal aid organization that has provided civil legal services to low-income individuals and families in Yolo County since 1967, submitted a proposal for the civil legal services component of the project. The Sacramento County Office of Education, who in addition to overseeing Sacramento County school districts, also provides adult re-entry services in Placer and Yolo counties, submitted a proposal in collaboration with CommuniCare Health Centers for the outreach and assessment, intensive case management and housing assistance components of the project.

The funding for this project comes from a Proposition 47 grant awarded to Yolo County by the California Board of State and Community Corrections in the amount of \$5,968,215 to expand the county's criminal justice diversion programs. The project, which is a collaborative effort between the county's Health & Human Services Agency, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department and Public Defender's Office, is intended to reduce recidivism and advance the recovery of people involved in the criminal justice system who have a history of mental health and/or substance use disorders.

This project marks a significant expansion of services available to residents of Yolo County who are involved with the criminal justice system. Currently, the District Attorney's Office offers several diversion programs for low-level offenders, but has limited capacity to provide direct supportive services to participants. Yolo County hopes the increased provision of supportive services to participants in the local diversion programs will further advance participant rehabilitation and reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

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