

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CHICAGO AREA PROJECT AND SGA YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE BALANCED AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONSULTING SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into agreements with Chicago Area Project and SGA Youth & Family Services ("Providers") to provide Balanced and Restorative Justice consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services, Coordinated School Health Department ("CSH") at an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in the

aggregate. Providers were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to a duly advertised Request for Proposal (Specification Number 07-250041). A written agreement is currently being negotiated for each Provider. No services shall be provided and no payment shall be made to any Provider prior to the execution of such Provider's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Providers will provide training and technical assistance using the following, but not limited to, Restorative Justice Practices:

**1. Peer Mediation:** A process for resolving disputes and conflicts in which a neutral third party (parties) acts as a moderator. In mediation, the goal is to work out differences constructively. Mediation provides

mediators or disputants learn a new way of handling conflict

**OUTCOMES:** The expected outcomes from Providers' implementation of Restorative Justice Practices are:

(1) Provider consistent implementation of restorative justice practices

(2) Ongoing evaluation of restorative justice practices in schools and modification of the practices

- implementation, as needed, to improve outcomes.
- (3) Quantifiable reduction in suspensions, expulsions, and repeat offenders/offenses.
- (4) Observed increase in student connection to school.

**COMPENSATION:** Each Provider shall be paid a negotiated rate for service as detailed in each Provider's written agreement. Compensation shall not exceed \$300,000 in the aggregate for the initial

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS

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inspections and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel

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