

To: Cumberland County Commissioners
From: Jacqueline Sartoris, District Attorney
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Subject: Consent Agenda item; temporary restorative justice contract extension

The consent agenda includes a month-to-month contract which will allow ongoing work in cases of serious harm to continue to use restorative justice while an RFP for restorative justice is issued and acted upon. The contract also allows the DA's existing contractor to continue to provide his expertise as the DA's office transitions to a more significant use of restorative justice utilizing a competitive bid process. The specific services provided in this contract - which are the same as in the previous contracts - appear under Item 1.

This month-to-month contract continues the restorative justice work the County entered into beginning in 2020 and which has continued since that time. Substantive changes from the prior contracts are: the contract becomes month-to-month; there are additional reporting requirements; the ability to terminate the contract by email is added.

The RFP for restorative justice will have been issued in early January. We expect to review bids and award the RFP in late January or early February, with restorative justice provided via the new contract by early April. Once the new contract is in effect, this month-to-month contract will be terminated.

The Consent Agenda item is the continuing serious cases restorative justice work in the month-to-month contract. The overall project description to improve the DA's use of restorative justice is on the January regular agenda for a presentation and discussion.