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Subject: [External] CONTRACT EXTENSIONS WITH EQUUS AND MCALISTER INSTITUTE (PLEASE INCLUDE WITH DOCUMENTS FOR AGENDA #12)
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Hi Supervisors,

With all the speakers against Equus and Monica's request for an audit, you want to extend the contract?

EQUUS has been horrible, not understanding, not patient, and needs to be audited. It might be good enough for Kentucky, where it is based, but its performance in San Diego is abysmal – different culture. That's what you get for going out of State for a service contract. Some work out. Most don't.

While being serviced by EQUUS, several people had to pack up or move several times. If even one such is substantiated, this should also be included in the audit.

Since the rainy season is coming, and who knows what it will bring, it is past time that we do an audit which will undoubtedly find and fix flaws in the system.

The McAlister Institute for Treatment and Education seems to have better reviews but a lot of them suggest that too many used and dirty items like syringes (in a drug treatment center) are left around.

I would definitely not extend the Equus contract and extend the McAlister contract but conditional on passing inspection.

Regards,

Paul Henkin