



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: June 6, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Parent
Partner Program Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor), to provide Parent Partner Program services for the total contract amount not to exceed \$155,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and
- b) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Sam) to provide Parent Partner Program (PPP) services for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$155,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Background:

The purpose of this contract is to provide mentoring, encouragement and support for parents involved in the Juvenile Court system and whose children are in foster care, with the intention of helping parents

achieve successful reunification. The PPP will provide fully trained peers who have previously reunified with their children and were able to successfully navigate systems of care to meet all aspects of their reunification plan. This experience provides a basis that makes them uniquely qualified to help parents currently involved in the reunification process. Parent Partners will help program participants gain awareness of their rights and responsibilities. They will also provide the information, support, and guidance necessary to assist these parents as they navigate through the child welfare system.

The Parent Partner's knowledge and understanding of the child welfare system will allow them to utilize their personal and professional life experience to provide peer support to clients and share strategies for success. As a peer, they can provide assistance in complying with court related documents and help explain the procedures and expectations of the Juvenile Court and Child Welfare Services (CWS).

The Parent Partners will work to provide education to the parents in how to build effective working relationships with the Juvenile Court and CWS, while delivering a clear message of encouragement and hope. Parent Partners will help the parent to remain focused on their actions and behaviors, demonstrating that the parent is ready to ensure the child's safety for reunification. A Parent Partner can relate to clients in a non-judgmental way, which will make it safe for parents to learn and grow. Good Sam has been providing these services since 2015.

Performance Measure:

The following performance measures are included in the Agreement:

- 98% of all families referred for service shall be contacted by Good Sam within three business days of receiving the referral. (100% as of Quarter 3 (Q3) FY22/23)
- 80% of families referred for Parent Partners shall engage in services. (64% as of Quarter 3 (Q3) FY22/23)
- 80% of parents who participate in the PPP shall state overall satisfaction with the program. (100% as of Quarter 3 (Q3) FY22/23)

Good Sam has met, or nearly met, the required performance measures outlined in the Agreement. The Department of Social Services (DSS) will continue to work with Good Sam to improve client engagement outcomes.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Total Current FY2023/24 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund		
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Other:	\$ 155,000	
Total	\$ 155,000	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$155,000 in FY 2023/2024. The PPP will be fully funded by SB 163 Wraparound Program Reserve Funds. Appropriations and funding for FY 2023/2024 are included in the DSS recommended budget under the Social Programs division. Execution of this Amendment will not result in additional General Fund contributions. The Agreement contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that Good Sam is a medium-risk vendor.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:
 DSS Contracts Unit
 C/O Nereida Zarate
 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
 Santa Maria, CA 93455
 Email: nzarate@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – First Amendment – Good Sam – PPP
2. Attachment 2 – Executed Board Contract – Good Sam - PPP

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