

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 Agenda Number:

Department Name: Social Services

Department No.: 044

For Agenda Of: June 21, 2011 Placement: Administrative

Estimated Tme:

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

**TO**: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy Gallagher, Director of Social Services, (805) 346-7101

Director(s)

Contact Info: Melissa Hoesterey, Social Services Operation Division Chief, (805)

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No 1 with Community Action Commission (CAC) and

Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM) for the continued SafeCare®

**Program Services** 

<u>County Counsel Concurrence</u> <u>Auditor-Controller Concurrence</u>

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 with Community Action Commission (CAC) in the amount of \$172,500.00 to provide continued evidence-based, parent-training curriculum for parents who are at-risk or have been reported for child maltreatment in North and mid-County (Santa Maria and Lompoc area).
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM) in the amount of \$187,500.00 to provide continued evidence-based, parent-training curriculum for parents who are at-risk or have been reported for child maltreatment in South and mid-County (Santa Barbara and Lompoc area), to serve as the lead for training/coaching new home visitors as needed within the project, and to cascade the SafeCare® model further into the Santa Barbara County service delivery systems.

#### **Summary Text:**

The SafeCare® program is an evidence-based, in-home parent training curriculum designed to reduce the recurrence of child maltreatment for parents with children aged 0-7 who are at risk or have been reported for child abuse or neglect. Families served will be those identified as having a history of

neglect and/or physical abuse, or have risk factors for neglect and/or abuse. Through SafeCare®, trained professionals (Home Visitors) work with families in their home environments to improve the parents' skills. Parents are taught how to plan and implement activities with their children, respond appropriately to child behaviors, improve home safety, and address health and safety issues.

SafeCare® services are provided in weekly home visits lasting from 1-2 hours for a period of 18-20 weeks for each family. Based on SafeCare® program guidelines, each home visitor can serve 10-15 families through an approximate 4 month service cycle. It is estimated that approximately 195 families would receive services under SafeCare® during the contract period. Given the small caseloads per home visitor and to ensure that all families referred receive timely services, CAC and CALM as a collaborative provide services countywide sharing responsibility for services in the mid county region.

The target populations currently identified for participation include those families that meet SafeCare® eligibility criteria and are receiving services through the following:

- CWS Family Preservation or Court Involved Family Maintenance programs;
- Differential Response-Front Porch;
- Parenting Teens involved with Probation; Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS); or Child Welfare Services (CWS)

Additional populations may be identified for participation depending on availability of service and the participation criteria.

## **Background:**

In October 2010, as a result of a Request for Proposal (RFP) Procurement effort, the County of Santa Barbara entered into an agreement with CALM and CAC to provide an evidence-based, parent-training curriculum to reduce the recurrence of child maltreatment. CAC and CALM were to provide service to 75 families for an eight month period (11/1/10 through 6/30/11) in the county and have served 74 families as of May 3, 2011. The agreements with CAC and CALM for the eight month period were in the amounts of \$115,000.00 and \$125,000.00 respectively. The RFP and agreement language allowed for an extension of the agreement for two (2) additional one (1) year renewals. This request is being made to renew the existing Agreements for one (1) of the two (2) additional renewals. These agreements are for a twelve month fiscal year, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

### Performance Measure:

- A. 100% of families opened to SafeCare® will be contacted by a Home Visitor within 3 business days to schedule their first appointment.
- B. 85% of the families who remain enrolled in SafeCare® after the first home visit will complete all training modules.
- C. 95% of parents who complete each module will demonstrate improved skills and competence in child healthcare, parent/child interaction, and home safety as measured at baseline and after the completion of each of the three modules.

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- D. 95% of families who complete SafeCare® will not have a subsequent substantiated referral for abuse or neglect within 3 months.
- E. 100% of the Home Visitors will continue to participate in the monthly coaching to ensure fidelity to the SafeCare® model.

The vendor has met the above performance measures set forth in the agreement.

#### Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Select\_Budgeted

#### Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:		Annualized On-going Cost:		otal One-Time Project Cost
General Fund					
State					
Federal	\$	60,000.00			
Fees					
Other:	\$	300,000.00			
Total	\$	360,000.00	\$ -	\$	-

#### Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$360,000.00. Appropriations and associated Funding for Fiscal Year 2011/12 are included in the Department of Social Services recommended budget under the Social Programs division. This contract will be fully funded in part by Federal Block Grant Funds and by SB 163 Wraparound Program Reserve Funds. Execution of this Contract will not result in additional General Fund contributions. The contract includes a clause that allows the County to reduce the contracted "not-to-exceed" amount if revenues are not realized at the Department's anticipated level.

### **Staffing Impacts:**

Legal Positions: FTEs: 0

#### **Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to: Contracts Unit C/O Linda Rodriguez 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor Santa Maria, CA 93455

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## Attachments:

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

# Authored by:

Melissa Hoesterey, Social Services Operations Division Chief cc: