



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 18, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Third Amendment with Good Samaritan Shelter for Parent Partner Program Services

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

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 the Third Amendment with Good Samaritan Shelter (a local vendor), to provide Parent Partner Program services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the period for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; 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 to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Third Amendment with Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Sam) to provide Parent Partner Program (PPP) services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

## **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 Partner's 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:**

### **current Fiscal Year (FY) 18/19**

- 98% of all families referred for service shall be contacted by Good Sam within three business days of receiving the referral. (97% as of Quarter 2 (Q2) FY18/19)
- 80% of families referred for Parent Partners shall engage in services. (83% as of Q2 FY18/19)
- 80% of parents who participate in the PPP shall state overall satisfaction with the program. (95% as of Q2 FY18/19)

### **FY 19/20**

#### **Outcome 1: Provide PPP services**

- 75% of families referred for Parent Partners shall engage in services (31+ days).
- 50% will successfully reunify with their children.
- 80% of parents who participate in the PPP shall state overall satisfaction at exit.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2019/20</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund		
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Other:	\$ 90,000.00	
Total	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -

**Narrative:**

Approval and execution of this Amendment will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$90,000. The PPP will be fully funded by SB 163 Wraparound Program Reserve Funds. Appropriations and funding for FY19/20 are included in the Department of Social Services (DSS) recommended budget under the Social Programs division. Execution of this Amendment will not result in additional General Fund contributions. The Amendment 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. DSS has significant experience with Good Sam and is confident of their ability to continue providing services.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
None

**FTEs:**  
None

**Special Instructions:**

Please email, scan and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:  
DSS Contracts Unit  
C/O Ismelda Vazquez  
Contracts Coordinator  
2125 S. Counterpointe Parkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Third Amendment - Good Sam – Parent Partner Program FY19-20

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