



**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: 02/19/13
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Ted, Myers, Interim Director, Social Services, 346-7101
Director(s)
Contact Info: Amy Krueger, Division Chief, Social Services, 346-7248

SUBJECT: **Approval of Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. for Transitional Housing Program-Plus Services**

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 an Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc, a local vendor, to provide Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) services for emancipated foster or probation youth, for the period of March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$440,000.00.
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached original and duplicate original Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara, as lessor, and Family Care Network, Inc., as lessee, extending the term of the Lease of the approximately 6400 square foot building known as La Morada, located at 66 South San Antonio Road, in Santa Barbara, for a period of approximately 16 months, through June 30, 2014, with one option to extend the Lease for one additional year; to allow for the continued operation of the THP-Plus program (Second District).

Summary Text:

THP-Plus is a State program created in 2001 to provide affordable housing and supportive services to former foster youth ages 18 to 24 to prevent homelessness and to increase the chances of successful transition to adulthood. California Senate Bill 1576, passed in June 2006, modified the funding requirements for the State's THP-Plus program by eliminating a County share requirement and

expanded the program to any county with an approved THP-Plus plan. Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services (DSS) has had an approved plan since 2007.

Emancipated foster/probation youth face overwhelming challenges on their road to independence. Without assistance during this difficult transition, former foster youth do not fare well, and experience rates of homelessness, unemployment and incarceration far above their peers. This is especially true in this county where a lack of affordable housing is reaching crisis proportions. Our county's youth are in need of housing and supportive, concrete services, delivered in a real-life environment, in order to adequately prepare them for self sufficiency and adulthood.

The THP-Plus program is certified by Santa Barbara County DSS and provides former foster youth with safe, affordable housing and access to comprehensive supportive services in Santa Barbara and the north county region.

Santa Barbara County utilizes the following THP-Plus models:

Single-site Transitional Model - Participants live in housing at a single location in Santa Barbara leased by the THP-Plus provider. THP-Plus supportive services and rental subsidies are provided for a 24-month period. The participant moves out of the rental unit at the conclusion of their program participation.

In June 2007, a county owned facility known as La Morada, was designated as a facility for use by the State-funded THP-Plus Program. The La Morada site offers housing for up to 8 former foster youth.

Scattered-site Permanent Model - Participants live in housing located in multiple locations in the Santa Maria area of Northern Santa Barbara County that are owned or leased by the THP-Plus provider. THP-Plus supportive services and rental subsidies are provided for a 24-month period. The participant may continue to live in the rental unit at the conclusion of their program participation.

Background:

On October 23, 2012, DSS released a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting interest from non profit service providers having experience working with this population and experience offering aftercare services. Service providers are expected to work with DSS to fully maximize the available State allocation by providing services to the maximum number of THP-Plus participants possible in Santa Barbara County.

Following a comprehensive evaluation, a contract was awarded to Family Care Network, Inc. to provide services in Santa Barbara County. Key considerations were demonstrated capacity to provide the services, strong experience, and reasonable, allowable, and necessary costs. Family Care Network Inc. has been a transitional housing provider for transitional age youth since 1999, and has served youth aging out of foster care for 19½ years. Their program fully incorporates best practices and wraparound services philosophy; embraces and promotes community integration and participation; provides individualized, one-on-one services which give clients "voice, choice & preference"; and incorporates a "positive peer culture" environment and approach to maximize client participation. Family Care Network, Inc. will create partnerships, linkages and community supports necessary to successfully meet client needs and achieve program outcomes. Furthermore, the agency has the infrastructure needed to

effectively manage all aspects and requirements of this program. Family Care Network, Inc. has been Santa Barbara's THP-Plus Program service provider since 2007.

General Services has prepared the Second Amendment to Lease Amendment which is being submitted to the Board for approval concurrently with the Family Care Network, Inc. Service Agreement. The lease amendment grants Family Care Network, Inc., the THP-Plus Program service provider, the continued right to use the approximately 6400 square foot facility and surrounding grounds solely for the purpose of establishing and operating the "La Morada Transitional Youth Center" on behalf of the County. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 26227, and as previously approved by the Board, Family Care Network, Inc. is not required to pay base rent for the building, but is required to pay for all utilities serving the facility, and will reimburse the County for all maintenance and repair to the building and property. Except in the case of emergency, General Services will directly coordinate all maintenance and repair requested by Family Care Network, Inc.

Performance Measure:

Contractor will meet the following program goals:

<i>Goal:</i>	<i>Measure 1:</i>	<i>Measure 2:</i>
1. The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated foster youth to secure stable housing.	Annually, 75% of the THP-Plus enrolled tenants will successfully maintain their THP-Plus placement.	Annually, 75% of the participants exiting the THP-Plus Program will secure and maintain housing for at least one year.
2. The THP-Plus program will increase the employability of emancipated foster youth.	Of the THP-Plus residents not employed at time of entry, 75% will obtain employment or enter into a vocational training program or internship within six months of entering the program.	75% of THP-Plus residents will increase their income within one year of entering the transitional housing program.
3. The THP-Plus program will encourage emancipated youth furthering their educational goals.	Annually, 75% of participants will be enrolled within an accredited college or 4-year educational institution or trade or technical school.	90% of participants in or exiting the program will obtain their high school diploma or equivalent.
4. The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated youth in connecting to health care Services and other community based resources.	100% of THP-Plus participants will be enrolled in Medi-Cal or other private / public health insurance program.	100% will obtain information about community services such as food banks, food stamps, legal services, financial aid programs, and individual development accounts.
5. Daily Living: The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated youth in learning life skills necessary for self-sufficiency.	<u>Measure 1: Budgeting</u> 90% of THP-Plus participants will develop a realistic budget for living expenses and live with-in the established budget. <u>Measure 2: Shop/Healthy Meals</u> 90% of THP-Plus participants will be able to grocery shop for	

	<p>healthy meals on an established budget, utilizing additional resources as needed.</p> <p><u>Measure 3 – Transportation</u> 100% of THP-Plus participants will have transportation (i.e.: skateboard, bicycles, vehicle) and/or be able to effectively utilize public transportation.</p>
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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 2013/14 Annual Cost:</u>	<u>Total Contract Cost:</u>
General Fund			
State-Realignment	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 440,000.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 440,000.00

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this Contract will result in total additional expenditures of no more than \$440,000.

Expenditures for this Contract have been allocated as follows: \$110,000 in Fiscal Year 2012/13 and \$330,000 in Fiscal Year 2013/14. Appropriations and Funding for FY 2012/13 are included in the Department of Social Services Adopted budget under the Social Programs Division. Appropriations and Funding for Fiscal Year 2013/14 will be included in the Department of Social Services requested budget as part of the Social Programs Division. Funding for this Amendment is 100% from the State Realignment 2011 account. The Budget Act of 2011 realigns the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) funding for Protective Services from the state to local governments and redirects specified tax revenue to fund those programs. The Contract includes a clause that allows the County to adjust the “not-to-exceed” amount if revenues are not realized at the Department’s anticipated level.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

None

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) original signature page, and a copy of the minute order to:

Contracts Unit

C/O Patty Teniente

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Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor
Lease Amendment

Authored by:

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cc: