



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:** 6/6/17  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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**SUBJECT:** First Amendments to the Agreements with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families for Child Welfare Services (CWS) Senate Bill 163 (SB 163) Wraparound Services and Safety Watch Services Program

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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 a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) in the amount not to exceed \$710,000 to provide CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (Attachment 1);
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Casa Pacifica in the amount not to exceed \$7,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and \$8,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for the provision of Safety Watch Services Program (Attachment 2); and
- c. Determine that the approval and execution of these Amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the approval and execution of the Amendments are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to approve the First Amendments to the Agreements between the County and Casa Pacifica for Wraparound Services and Safety Watch Services. The First Amendments extend the initial term from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. It is the recommendation of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to authorize and execute the First Amendments.

**Background:**

CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services

In October 1997, SB 163 (Chapter 795, Statutes of 1997 established the Wraparound Services Program. SB 163 allowed counties to develop pilot wraparound projects using state and county foster care placement dollars. This legislation provided for the establishment of a statewide pilot to provide service alternatives to group home care through extended family-based services, or “Wraparound” for eligible children and their families. The purpose of the program is to return children in out-of-home placements at rate classification levels (RCL) of 12-14 to their homes with the necessary and appropriate supportive services. In 2001, two Assembly Bills (AB 2706 and AB 429) were passed that expanded the Wraparound Services Project. Assembly Bill 2706 expanded the project to include children who were placed in RCL 10-11 or were at risk of placement at this level. Assembly Bill 429 changed the Wraparound Services Project from pilot status to a permanent alternative placement option for children who would otherwise be placed into RCL 10-14 group home care as defined in Welfare and Institution Code sections 18250 to 18258, California Department of Social Services (CDSS) All County Information Notice (ACIN) No. I-28-99.

Wraparound is both a philosophy and a process. As a philosophy, Wraparound focuses on the strengths of families rather than their weaknesses or problems. As a process, it is the delivery of services that are intensive, community-based, and family centered. These services are specifically designed to maintain children in their home and community in the least restrictive level of care possible.

Santa Barbara County CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services Program utilizes a joint public-private model with the county functioning as the lead fiscal agent and key wraparound facilitator. The parent partnering functions are contracted out through a local partner in the form of a private nonprofit Medical provider. Santa Barbara County’s program was initiated with nine slots in May 2007. In January 2008, the Interagency Policy Council (IAPC) approved expansion to 18 slots, and in April 2009, the IAPC approved expansion to the current 25 slots.

Casa Pacifica will provide county-wide Wraparound Services for up to 25 families. In collaboration with Casa Pacifica staff, each family will develop a child and family team that will create an individualized plan building on their strengths and making use of natural supports and community services to meet the family’s needs and their goals.

The goal of the Wraparound Services Program is to remove children at risk or already in high level foster care placements and bring them back to our community by providing intensive services to them and their families or an appropriate substitute care provider. Without this program, DSS would be mandated to expend the same level of total expenditures, using only general funds, on actual foster care placement. DSS will be utilizing those dollars instead to fund 60 percent of this contract, with the State picking up the other 40 percent. Therefore, this agreement does not require additional appropriations or additional general funds than would be mandated prior to the execution of this agreement.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been established among DSS, Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness and the Santa Barbara County Probation Department to establish protocol for the provision of Wraparound Services.

### Safety Watch Services Program

Casa Pacifica currently provides its Safety Watch Program of intensive one-on-one supervision for those children determined to pose an extraordinary risk to themselves or others. There is a documented and increased need for the County to contract for the provision of intensive one-on-one supervision (Safety Watch) for certain young people with emotional/behavioral and/or medical problems. Often, these children have a history of placement instability and their needs are often too complex for placement in a foster home. There exists a need for a facility/program that is equipped with both the staff and physical facility to create a secure environment for these children. The intensive one-on-one supervision is to ensure the safety of the individual child and any other children in the facility. Casa Pacifica has been providing these services since 2001.

### **Performance Measure:**

#### *CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services - Current Performance Data (As of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 16/17)*

- **Safety:**
  - 96% of children receiving SB 163 Wraparound Program Services will not have any new, substantiated allegations of child abuse/neglect while receiving SB 163 Wraparound Program services. (Target = 90%)
  - 100% of children who have graduated from the SB 163 Wraparound Program will not have any new, substantiated allegations of child abuse/neglect within 6 months of graduation. (Target = 80%)
- **Permanency:**
  - 100% of children who have graduated from the SB 163 Program will maintain community placement (parent, guardian, relative) 3 months following graduation. (Target = 80%)
- **Well-being:**
  - 70% will have improved in emotional and behavioral adjustments by graduation date, or six months into the program, whichever comes first, as measured by Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS). (Cumulative score) (Target = 80%)
- **Service Delivery Goals:**
  - 83% of care plans and “Family Budgets” will be completed and approved within 90 days of first contact with child/family. (Target =90%)
  - 92% of children not deemed “neutral dis-enrollments” will be maintained in the SB 163 Wraparound Program for a minimum of three (3) months. (Target = 70%)

- 100% of children and families state overall satisfaction with SB 163 Wraparound Program services at the time of closure/graduation. (Target =90%)

***Safety Watch Services - Current Performance Data (As of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 16/17)***

- 100% of children who receive Safety Watch Services will be safely stabilized in placement and will not need a higher level of care. (Target =80%)

**The following performance measures are included in the current agreement:**

***CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services***

- **Safety:**
  - 90% of children receiving SB 163 Wraparound Program Services will not have any new, substantiated allegations of child abuse/neglect while receiving SB 163 Wraparound Program services.
  - 80% of children who have graduated from the SB 163 Wraparound Program will not have any new, substantiated allegations of child abuse/neglect within 6 months of graduation.
- **Permanency:**
  - 80% of children who have graduated from the SB 163 Program will maintain community placement (parent, guardian, relative) 3 months following graduation.
- **Well-being:**
  - 80% will have improved in emotional and behavioral adjustments by graduation date, or six months into the program, whichever comes first, as measured by Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS). (Cumulative score)
- **Service Delivery Goals:**
  - 90% of care plans and “Family Budgets” will be completed and approved within 90 days of first contact with child/family.
  - 75% of children not deemed “neutral dis-enrollments” will be maintained in the SB 163 Wraparound Program for a minimum of three (3) months.
  - 90% of children and families state overall satisfaction with SB 163 Wraparound Program services at the time of closure/graduation.

***Safety Watch Services***

- 80% of children who receive Safety Watch Services will be safely stabilized in placement and will not need a higher level of care.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY2017/18 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund	\$ 417,842.00	\$ 428,400.00	
State	\$ 281,062.00	\$ 289,600.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 698,904.00</b>	<b>\$ 718,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Narrative: Approval and execution of Wraparound Services agreement will result in total direct contract expenditures of \$693,904 for FY 2016-17 and \$710,000 for FY 2017-18. Funding for this contract is included in the DSS’ Foster Care Assistance proposed budget. This agreement does not require any additional appropriations or any additional general funds than would be mandated prior to the execution of this contract. Appropriations, related revenue, and the County share for FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, have been included in the DSS’ adopted and recommended budgets respectively within the CWS Division.

Approval and execution of Safety Watch Services agreement will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$7,000 in FY 2016-17 and \$8,000 in FY 2017-18. Appropriations and associated funding for FY 2017-18 are included in the DSS recommended budget under the Social Service Programs division. This agreement will be funded with 70 percent State 2011 Realignment funds and 30 percent County funds. The agreement contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed. Casa Pacifica has been performing satisfactorily. Casa Pacifica is insured for General and Professional Liability. DSS has had a positive and productive relationship with Casa Pacifica. Casa Pacifica has been providing CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services and Safety Watch Services Program the last ten years. DSS is confident of Casa Pacifica’s abilities to continue providing services through June 30, 2018.

**Staffing Impacts:**

<b><u>Legal Positions:</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs:</u></b>
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**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) duplicate original of each First Amendment, and a copy of the minute order to:  
 DSS Contracts Unit  
 C/O Tricia Beebe  
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**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – First Amendment – Casa Pacifica – CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services
2. Attachment 2 – First Amendment – Casa Pacifica – Safety Watch Program Services

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