



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 6/23/09
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy M Gallagher, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: **Amendment No. 1 with The Youth Connection of Ventura County dba Casa Pacifica for the continued provision of family based, wraparound services to eligible children as an alternative to group home.**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No 1 to extend the contract term with Casa Pacifica for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at an amount of up to \$424,298 for a total contract not to exceed \$1,375,807 for the purpose of providing eligible children with family based services as an alternative to group home care using wraparound as the services alternative.

Summary Text:

In 2007 after years of planning and teamwork, Santa Barbara County was notified by the State Department of Social Services (CDSS) that Santa Barbara County's plan for implementing Senate Bill 163 Wraparound Services had been approved. Santa Barbara County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS), Santa Barbara County Probation Department (Probation), Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services (DSS), Public Agencies, family representatives, community-based organizations and other interested parties participated in the planning process to determine how to best maximize the flexibility that SB 163 offers counties in developing a plan for providing Wraparound services. This approval meant that Santa Barbara County could begin to provide Wraparound services to a maximum of 25 children and families. It also allowed the County the flexibility to use State foster care placement dollars to provide eligible children with family-based service as an alternative to group home care using Wraparound as the service alternative. Wraparound utilizes state and county resources, normally used to fund institutional care, to develop and implement services designed to keep at-risk

youth at home or in their home communities. Wraparound is an integrated, multi-agency, community-based system grounded in a philosophy of unconditional commitment to support families to safely and competently care for their children. Wraparound can reduce the risk of out-of-home placement and recidivism by bringing individuals, agencies and the community together as the decision-making team with the central focus being to meet the needs of the child and family. The single most important outcome of the Services is that children are in permanent homes maintained and supported by the community.

The original Request for Proposals for Children's Wraparound Services was released on July 24, 2006. Two (2) proposals were received. Following a comprehensive evaluation, a contract was awarded to Casa Pacifica to provide countywide services. Key considerations were demonstrated capacity to provide the services, strong experience, and reasonable, allowable, necessary costs. Santa Barbara County's plan was to initially fill 9 slots leading up to a full capacity of 25. A gradual phase-in has occurred at an approximate rate of 1.5 clients per month and we anticipate reaching the projected target of 25 families by December 2009.

In collaboration with Wraparound 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.

This contract contains a clause that allows for termination by the department with 30 days notice in the event funding from any source is diminished or becomes unavailable.

Background:

SB 163 Wraparound Plan

In October 1997, Senate Bill (SB) 163, (Chapter 795, Statutes of 1997), the Wraparound Services Project was established. This bill allowed California 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 from the highest level of out-of-home placements, rate classification level (RCL) 12-14 to their homes or to a lower placement level by utilizing 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 level placements 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 California Welfare and Institution Code, Sections 18250-7, CDSS 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 or at the least restrictive level of care possible. In 2007, Santa Barbara County's plan for implementing SB 163 Wraparound Services was approved by the California Department of Social Services. This plan has been a catalyst to system transformation in the way that we meet the needs of children and families in our communities.

Santa Barbara County has implemented the SB 163 Wraparound Program Plan utilizing a joint public-private model with the county functioning as the lead fiscal agent and key Wraparound Facilitation and Parent Partnering functions being contracted out through a local partner in the form of a private nonprofit Medi-Cal provider.

The plan model utilized the following structure:

Joint Administrative Structure: While DSS will function as the lead administrator for contractual functions, oversight for this effort will be jointly shared with by ADMHS, Probation and DSS. Key representatives from these departments will work together to assure quality implementation of the Wraparound process as well as assuring that programming aspects unique to each department system's interests are addressed. This will allow the effort to function as a multi-system model.

Inclusive Ties to the Community: In addition to the key stakeholders involved in the joint management of this project representatives from across administrative levels, other systems and the community will be included. Education and the Health Department along with private providers will be involved in the oversight of this project. Parents, caregivers and other family members have been involved as full partners in the development of this effort. Finally, outreach to youth representatives to become involved is also underway with a specific emphasis on reaching out and welcoming youth who have been or are in substitute care.

SB 163 Wraparound Program

Santa Barbara County has elected to use a program model that paired a Parent Partner and a Family Facilitator as equal partners. These positions are employed through Casa Pacifica and both positions are seen as neutral across the three main public partners' agencies. Duties included resource development, convening and engaging child & family teams including natural and system supports, scheduling and hosting the SB 163 Wraparound Program planning meetings for individual children and families, facilitating an ongoing planning process and documenting, submitting and explaining plans of care to the SB 163 Wraparound Program Implementation Team "Core Group."

Target Population

- The child must be a California Welfare and Institutions Code 300 dependent or 602 ward, or eligible for mental health services pursuant to Chapter 26.5 of the California Government Code, and/or Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) eligible; and
- A child who is currently, or would be placed in a group home licensed at a Rate Classification Level, (RCL) of 10 or higher; and
- A family member; legal guardian or potential provider has agreed to strength-based, family-centered, neighborhood-based planning and has the willingness and ability to utilize SB 163 Wraparound Program services.

Performance Measure:

| Outcome/Indicator | Plan |
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| Safety: Substantiated allegations of abuse and/or neglect while receiving SB 163 Wraparound Program services. | 90% of children receiving SB 163 Wraparound Program Services will not have any new, substantiated allegations of child abuse/neglect within six months after graduating from the program. |
| Permanency: Graduations from the SB 163 Wraparound Program (consistent with the child/ family services plan of care) and placement retention. | 90% of children will maintain community placement (parent, guardian, relative) at 3 month follow-up point. |
| Well-being: Children will improve their overall level of health and well-being. | 90% will have improved in emotional and behavioral adjustments by graduation date, or six months into the program, whichever comes first, as measured by CAFAS. (Cumulative score) |
| Service Delivery Goals: | 80% of children served are successfully closed within 12-18 months. 95% of care plans and “family budgets” will be completed within 60 days of child entering the SB 163 Wraparound Program. 75% of children not disenrolled by the County 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. |

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Select_Budgeted

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
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| General Fund | \$ 254,579.00 | | |
| State | \$ 169,719.00 | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 424,298.00 | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative: Approval and execution of amendment No 1 to extend the contract term with Casa Pacifica will result in total direct contract expenditures of \$1,375,807 for the full length of the contract, ending June 30, 2010. For FY 2009-10, total contract will be \$424,298.00.

Funding for this contract comes from the Department of Social Services’ Foster Care Assistance budget which is funded 40% by State Foster Care funding and 60% by realignment and County General funds. Without this program, DSS would expend, at a minimum, the same level of expenditures on actual foster

care placements. The Department will be utilizing those dollars instead to fund this contract. Therefore, this contract does not require any additional appropriations or any additional general funds than would be mandated prior to the execution of this contract. Appropriations for FY 2009-10, have been included in the Department's recommended operating budget in the Child Welfare Services Division.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of the contract and minute order to:
Department of Social Services
Attn: Contracts, 3rd Floor
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

First Amendment-Contract Renewal

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