



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: June 20, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, PsyD, Deputy Director
Department of Behavioral Wellness, 681-5449
SUBJECT: **Milhous Children Services Inc. DBA Mountain Valley Child and Family Services, FY 14-17 First Amendment and FY 17-19 Contract Renewal**

County Counsel 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 **Milhous Children Services DBA Mountain Valley Child and Family Services** (not a local vendor), for the provision of children's residential services, to clarify billing processes and to increase the contract by \$65,000 for FY 16-17 due to unanticipated additional services provided, for a new total for FY 16-17 of \$175,000 and a new multiyear contract total amount of **\$395,000** through June 30, 2017;
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with **Mountain Valley Child and Family Services Inc.** (not a local vendor), for the provision of children's residential services, for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$110,000 for FY 17-18 and \$55,000 for FY 18-19, for a multiyear total contract amount not to exceed **\$165,000** for FY 17-19 during the period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Summary Text:

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides a continuum of mental health and substance use disorder services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part through contracted providers including Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to compensate the contractor for higher than anticipated service levels during FY 16-17, and to continue to provide mandated mental health, substance use, and ancillary services for FY 17-19 through December 31, 2018.

Background:

Behavioral Wellness funds mental health services for children placed by the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services and/or Probation at children's group homes throughout the State. Milhous Children Services, located in Nevada City, California, provides children's group home services. This agency is certified by the state to provide Rate Classification Level (RCL) 14 residential services to children who have Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) and require 24/7 supervision, support and observation to maintain safety.

We are amending Milhous Children Services' contract to reflect the Contractor's name change; to clarify a Medi-Cal service code; and to increase the contract amount for FY 16-17 due to unanticipated additional service needs. The Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) Service Function Code, which was already in the contract, was separated out of the broad range of Mental Health Services, in order to clearly identify TBS for the Behavioral Wellness Quality Care Management (QCM) team and for the Contractor. TBS services must meet specific eligibility and membership criteria for full scope Medi-Cal coverage and must be authorized by QCM. This amendment clarifies that TBS will be separately billed beginning February 13, 2015 to reflect the date Contractor's Medi-Cal certification was established. Milhous was recently recertified in January 2017 to reflect contractor's official name change as of November 2016 Mountain Valley Child and Family Services Inc. In addition, an unanticipated increase in the need for additional children's services has resulted in a corresponding need for an increase in the FY 16-17 contract amount.

Amendment of the FY 14-17 contract and the renewal of the contract for FY 17-19 will allow for necessary and mandated provision of ongoing mental health services for children placed in a children's group home.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Out of county residential placements for adolescents are minimally used. However, two individuals were placed at the facility this year. One adolescent was successfully discharged back into the community setting in a stable and supportive environment and is receiving ongoing mental health services. One adolescent remains at the facility and is receiving ongoing 24/7 care based on their needs. Beginning FY 17-18 additional detailed data and performance measures described in the Attachment E Program Goals, Outcomes and Measures will be collected.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: The FY 16-17 Amendment increase is budgeted and funded from cost saving from FY 16-17 Budget. The renewal contract is budgeted for FY 17-19 and is contingent on the Board's approval of the June 2017 Department budget and subsequent budgets.

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| Funding Sources | Current Cost for FY 16-17 | Annualized Cost for MultiYear FY 17-19 | Total Cost for MultiYear FY 17-19 |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | \$ 87,500 | \$ 55,000 | \$ 82,500 |
| Federal | \$ 87,500 | \$ 55,000 | \$ 82,500 |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 175,000 | \$ 110,000 | \$ 165,000 |

Narrative: The above referenced contract is funded by State and Federal funds. The funding sources are included in the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget. Execution of this contract will not increase the use of general fund dollars by Behavioral Wellness.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State and Federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) complete copy of each executed contract and one (1) minute order to Denise Morales: dmorales@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Milhous FY 14-17 AM 1
- Attachment B: Milhous FY 14-17 BC
- Attachment C: Mountain Valley FY 17-19 BC

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