

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 9/21/04  
**Department Name:** Social Services  
**Department No.:** 044  
**Agenda Date:** 11/9/04  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Kathy M. Gallagher,  
Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Terrie Concellos  
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**SUBJECT:** CONTRACT WITH CALM TO PASS THROUGH TITLE IV-E FEDERAL FUNDING

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## **Recommendation(s):**

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Child Abuse Listening & Mediation (CALM) (a local non-profit organization) for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 for the purpose of passing through federal funding for administrative activities performed with respect to Title IV-E eligible children who are either in out-of-home care or reasonable candidates for out-of-home care.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal IV, Economic Vitality: A Community that is Economically & Vitably Sustainable and Goal VII, Families and Children: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well Being of Families and Children.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In April of 2001, the Children & Families Commission (First 5) of Santa Barbara County initiated a revenue maximization project with the following three goals:

- To expand the funding available in support of services to the children and families of Santa Barbara County,
- To enable Commission grantees to transition from time-limited Proposition 10 funding to more permanent sources of financial support, and
- To establish within the County the "infrastructure" necessary to more fully access available Federal funds on behalf of the County and community based organizations.

Title IV-E federal funds were identified as an available resource, and by Federal and State law the additional Federal funding to be claimed under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act must come through the County Department of Social Services. A collaborative between the First 5 Commission and DSS was developed to further this arrangement.

Under this collaborative, Proposition 10 funding is used as the non-Federal share (“match”) to draw down federal open-ended categorical funding for qualifying local community based organizations. The Department of Social Services will claim qualified administrative activities performed for Title IV-E eligible children for CALM and remit to them the federal reimbursement, less a 10% administrative fee for the county. This process is designed to bring additional funding to these local organizations for greatly needed services that would not have been there absent this revenue maximization project. The administrative fee is designed to offset, either partially or entirely, the costs charged to the Children & Families Commission of Santa Barbara County in developing, establishing, participating in, and maintaining procedures and documentation as required by law under this revenue maximization initiative.

On June 18, 2002 your Board executed an agreement with CALM. The current action before your Board is to renew the term of this agreement by one year with a new level of funding. This contract has not directly created any additional financial obligation on behalf of the County. CALM has been and will continue to be paid with federal pass thru funding. Therefore, the Department of Social Services is requesting that your Board approve and execute the contract renewal with CALM to support the continuation of administrative activities performed on behalf of Title IV-E eligible children.

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The services for this contract are not mandated although they will enhance existing County services for eligible children in out-of-home care or at risk of being placed in out-of-home care.

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The Department of Social Services has included adequate appropriations and revenue for direct payment to CALM and administrative fees to the Children & Family Commission in their 2004/2005 adopted budget. As the purpose of this contract is to maximize revenue, this amount was included in the Child Welfare Services cost center which is shown on D-220 of the budget. There will be no additional county cost incurred by the execution of these amendments.

#### **Attachments:**

- Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

#### **Special Instructions:**

After execution by the Chair, please return one (1) originally signed agreement for the contractor, the Department copies of the agreements, and one (1) copy of the minute order, attention: Heather Gardner

#### **Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Risk Management