



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: October 26, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy Gallagher, Director of Social Services, (805) 681-4451
Director(s)
Contact Info: Melissa Hoesterey, Social Services Operation Division Chief, (805) 346-7248

SUBJECT: Approval to execute contracts with Community Action Commission (CAC) and Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM) for the SafeCare® Program

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 contract with Community Action Commission (CAC) in the amount of \$115,000.00 to provide an evidence-based, parent-training curriculum for parents who are at-risk or have been reported for child maltreatment in North County (Santa Maria and Lompoc area).
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM) in the amount of \$125,000.00 to provide an evidence-based, parent-training curriculum for parents who are at-risk or have been reported for child maltreatment in South and mid-County (Santa Barbara and Lompoc area) and serve as the lead for training/coaching new home visitors as needed within the project and to cascade the SafeCare® model further into the Santa Barbara County service delivery systems.

Summary Text:

The SafeCare® program is an evidence-based, in-home parent training curriculum designed to reduce the recurrence of child maltreatment for parents with children aged 0-7 who are at risk or have been reported for child abuse or neglect. Families served will be those identified as having a history of

neglect and/or physical abuse, or have risk factors for neglect and/or abuse. Through SafeCare®, trained professionals (Home Visitors) work with families in their home environments to improve the parents' skills. Parents are taught, how to plan and implement activities with their children, respond appropriately to child behaviors, improve home safety, and address health and safety issues.

SafeCare® is provided in weekly home visits lasting from 1-2 hours for a period of 18-20 weeks for each family. Based on SafeCare® program guidelines, each home visitor can serve 10-15 families through an approximate 4 month service cycle. It is estimated that approximately 150 families would receive services under SafeCare® during the eight (8) month contract period.

The target populations currently identified for participation include those families that meet SafeCare® eligibility criteria and are receiving services through the following:

- CWS Family Preservation or Court Involved Family Maintenance programs;
- Differential Response-Front Porch;
- Parenting Teens involved with Probation; Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS); or Child Welfare Services (CWS)
- Teen Age Parenting Program (TAPP) participants

Additional populations may be identified for participation depending on availability of service and the entrance/participation criteria to be established with the project.

Background:

In the Spring of 2009, Santa Barbara Child Welfare Services (CWS) initiated a collaborative with Ventura County Health and Human Services Agency to apply for the Safe Kids California Project (SKCP) training and technical assistance grant through the California Evidenced Based Clearing (CEBC) House for Child Welfare, Chadwick Center for Children and Families, and Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego. The training and technical assistance is being funded by a grant through the Administration of Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)-Children's Bureau. In addition, the project received a Center for Disease Control (CDC) grant to mirror SKCP, but with a greater focus on adaptation.

The Santa Barbara/Ventura collaborative (now known as the Gold Coast Group) was formed to fill an entire cohort of 12 home visitation case managers to implement the SafeCare® parenting model. Locally, CWS formed partnerships with Community Action Commission (CAC) and Child Abuse, Listening and Mediation (C.A.L.M.) to secure a commitment of 6 home visitation case managers intending to serve clients from a child neglect prevention and intervention perspective. In June 2009, notification was received that the application was selected for participation in the project with the caveat of moving into either SKCP implementation group or the CDC grant implementation group. The Gold Coast Group was randomized into the CDC project, which is now referred to as Advance Dynamic Adaptation Process Training Science (ADAPTS).

Performance Measure:

- A. 100% of families opened to SafeCare® will be contacted by a Home Visitor within 3 business days to schedule their first appointment.
- B. 85% of the families who remain enrolled in SafeCare® after the first home visit will complete all training modules.
- C. 95% of parents who complete each module will demonstrate improved skills and competence in child healthcare, parent/child interaction, and home safety as measured at baseline and after the completion of each of the three modules.
- D. 95% of families who complete SafeCare® will not have a subsequent substantiated referral for abuse or neglect within 3 months.
- E. 100% of the Home Visitors will continue to participate in the monthly coaching to ensure fidelity to the SafeCare® model.
- F. Contractor will work with the COUNTY to establish additional outcome measures as warranted to support the determination of SafeCare® efficacy and to promote program expansion.

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>
General Fund			
State	\$ 60,000.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 180,000.00		
Total	\$ 240,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$240,000.00. Appropriations and Funding for Fiscal Year 2010/11 are included in the Department of Social Services adopted budget under the Social Programs division. This contract will be fully funded in part by the State through the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWSOIP) and by SB 163 Wraparound Program Reserve Funds. Execution of this Contract will not result in additional General Fund contributions. The contract includes a clause that allows the County to reduce the contracted “not-to-exceed” amount if revenues are not realized at the Department’s anticipated level.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

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

Contracts Unit

C/O Linda Rodriguez

2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor

Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

Authored by:

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cc: