



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 06/21/16
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Director (805) 346-7101
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Child Welfare Services Differential Response/Front Porch 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 an agreement with Community Action Commission (CAC) in the amount not to exceed \$128,000 to provide direct early intervention and prevention (Differential Response / Front Porch Program) services to clients in the Santa Maria and Lompoc areas for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM) in the amount not to exceed \$145,000 to provide direct early intervention and prevention (Differential Response / Front Porch Program) services to clients in the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc areas for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and
- c) Determine that the approval and execution of the Agreements are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), finding that the execution and approval of the Agreements 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: These items are on the agenda in order to authorize the Chair to execute Agreements with CAC and CALM to provide the Department of Social Services (DSS) with Child Welfare Services Differential Response/Front Porch Program Services. It is the recommendation of DSS to authorize and execute the Agreements with CAC and CALM.

Background: “Front Porch,” Santa Barbara County’s Differential Response Program, connects families with children who are identified as at risk of child abuse and neglect to needed community-based services for the purpose of early intervention and prevention services. The targeted population will be comprised of those families who a Child Welfare Services worker has identified as meeting the Path 1, 2 or 3 criteria with the intended goal of reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect in the family home. These agreements represent an expansion of services to a broader target population utilizing the effective service delivery model developed under the Differential Response program, which includes case management and linkage to community-based services and supports.

Following the recommendation of the state-recognized Child Welfare Services re-design stakeholders group, DSS is committed to using Differential Response strategies in responding to Child Welfare referrals. Differential response allows for earlier, more comprehensive, and community-based services to families who have been reported for abuse or neglect. By providing three different “paths” for Child Welfare Services (CWS) to address a family’s needs, comprehensive services can be provided to many families. This program connects families with children who are identified as at risk of child abuse and neglect to needed community-based services for the purpose of early intervention and prevention services. This service is provided to families who do not meet the criteria to receive services from CWS, but qualify for Differential Response services.

DSS received two (2) proposals in response to its Request for Proposal for the Child Welfare Services Differential Response/Front Porch Program Services that was released on February 10, 2016. After consideration, the Review Committee recommended that both CAC and CALM be awarded contracts in order to serve both North and South Santa Barbara County.

Performance Measure:

The following performance measures will be included in the current contracts.

1. 90 % of all referrals to the Differential Response program shall not have a subsequent substantiated referral with CWS within three (3), six (6), and twelve (12) months.
2. 70 % of families referred for service shall engage in services.
3. 98 % of all families shall be contacted by the CONTRACTOR within three business days of receiving the referral.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 273,000.00		
Total	\$ 273,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$273,000. Appropriations and Funding for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 are included in the DSS recommended budget under the Social Programs division. These contracts will be fully funded by the SB 163 Wraparound Program Reserve Funds. Execution of these Contracts will not result in additional General Fund contributions. These contracts include 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.

Key Contract Risks:

The Risk Assessment worksheets have been completed and determined to be Medium Risk for both CAC and CALM. DSS has had a long standing relationship with both vendors and is confident both are able to continue providing services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) duplicate original of each Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor and a copy of the minute order to:

C/O Emma Duncan
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd floor
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

Agreement with CAC for Services of Independent Contractor
Agreement with CALM for Services of Independent Contractor

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