



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: 3/20/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy M. Gallagher
Director(s)
Contact Info: Melissa Hoesterey

SUBJECT: **Adoption of Resolution delegating authority to the Department of Social Services Director, or Designee, to Negotiate, Execute, Amend, and Terminate Memoranda of Understanding for the provision of Wraparound Services.**

Contract: The Youth Connection of Ventura County dba Casa Pacifica for Children's Wraparound Services (SB 163)

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 the attached Resolution to authorize the delegation of authority to the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services Director, or Designee, to Negotiate, Execute, Amend and Terminate Memoranda of Understanding between the County of Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services and California Department of Social Services for the implementation of Wraparound Services.
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with The Youth Connection of Ventura County dba Casa Pacifica in the amount not to exceed \$951,509 to provide Children's Wraparound Services (SB 163) as a family-centered, community-oriented, culturally sensitive, strength-based, individualized alternative to sending foster children to, or keeping them in group home placements. This contract shall commence upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, and end June 30, 2009.
- C. Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

Summary Text: Santa Barbara County's State approved SB 163 Wraparound Plan represents the culmination of several years of community planning around the most promising strategies to better serve our children, youth and their families. After years of planning and teamwork, Santa Barbara County has been notified by the State Department of Social Services (DSS) that Santa Barbara County's plan for implementing Senate Bill 163 Wraparound Services has 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, 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 means that Santa Barbara County can begin to provide Wraparound services to children and families. It will also allow 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 Request for Proposals for Children's Wraparound Services was released 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. Casa Pacifica will provide County-Wide Wraparound services. In the first eight months, we are projecting the caseload will grow to 9 families. In the following months, we are projecting caseloads will continue to increase to a maximum of 25 families being serviced at any given time. 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.

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 AFDC 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 in out-of-home placements at rate classification levels (RCL) of 12-14 to their homes with the 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 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 less restrictive level of care possible. On August 11, 2006, Santa Barbara County's plan for implementing SB 163 Wraparound Services was approved by the California Department of Social Services. This plan will be a catalyst to system transformation in the way that we meet the needs of children and families in our communities.

Santa Barbara County will implement 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. Santa Barbara County's plan is to initially fill 9 slots leading up to a full capacity of 25. A gradual phase-in is projected at two clients per month upon implementation, and increasing as the program develops over the first year.

As of August 3, 2006 the reimbursement rates for Wraparound are \$5,994 and \$5,046, and are tied to RCL assessment of the child had the child been placed in a group home. Under statute, these payments are less when a child in Wraparound is federally eligible under specified conditions. The program must also be cost neutral to the State. This means that the cost to the State to provide Wraparound services shall be no more than the State would have otherwise spent for a group home placement.

County staff and providers who participate in the SB163 Wraparound Program will be attending a State-approved Wraparound training program. A State/County Memorandum of Understanding has been established as required for the first three years of implementation. A Memorandum of Understanding has been established between Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, Santa Barbara County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services and the Santa Barbara County Probation Department to establish protocol for the provision of Wraparound services in our county.

The plan model will utilize a modified network Wraparound implementation model utilizing 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 an implementation model that pairs a Parent Partner and a Family Facilitator as equal partners. These positions will be employed through Casa Pacifica and both positions will be seen as neutral across the three main public partners’ agencies. Duties will include 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 and 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
<p>Safety: Substantiated allegations of abuse and/or neglect while receiving SB 163 Wraparound Program services.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Permanency: Graduations from the SB 163 Wraparound Program (consistent with the child/ family services plan of care) and placement retention.</p>	<p>90% of children will maintain community placement (parent, guardian, relative) at 3 month follow-up point.</p>
<p>Well-being: Children will improve their overall level of health and well-being.</p>	<p>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)</p>
<p>Service Delivery Goals:</p>	<p>80% of children served are successfully closed within 12-18 months.</p> <p>95% of care plans and “family budgets” will be completed within 60 days of child entering the SB 163 Wraparound Program.</p> <p>75% of children not disenrolled by the County will be maintained in the SB 163 Wraparound Program for a minimum of three (3) months.</p> <p>90% of children and families state overall satisfaction with SB 163 Wraparound Program services at the time of closure/graduation.</p>

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: +

Budgeted:

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u>
		<u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 53,905.00	\$ 255,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
State	\$ 35,937.00	\$ 170,333.00	\$ 4,000.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 89,842.00	\$ 425,833.00	\$ 10,000.00

Narrative: Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of \$951,509 for the full length of the contract, ending June 30, 2009. For FY 2006-07, contract expenditures will be \$99,842, including one time funding \$10,000 for start up expenses. For each fiscal year thereafter, FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09, contract expenditures will be \$425,833 per fiscal year.

Funding for this contract comes from the Department of Social Services' Foster Care Assistance budget. The goal of this program is to remove children at risk or already in high level foster care placements and bring them back to our community by providing intensive services to them and their families. Without this program, DSS would be mandated to expend the same level of expenditures, using general funds, on actual foster care placement. 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, and the additional County share for FY 2006-07, have been included in the Department's approved budget in the Child Welfare Services Division. Appropriations for FY 2007-08 have been included in the Department's recommended FY 2007-08 operating budget.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions: 0

FTEs: 0

Special Instructions: Please send one (1) duplicate original Contract, one (1) duplicate original Resolution, and a copy of the minute order to Diana Klopp

Attachments:

2 copies of the contract with The Youth Connection of Ventura County dba Casa Pacifica Shelter, Inc; 2 copies of the Resolution to authorize the delegation of authority to the Santa Barbara Department of Social Services Director, or Designee, to Negotiate, Execute, Amend, and Terminate Memoranda of Understanding, between the County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services, and California Department of Social Services for the implementation of Wraparound Services.

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