



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: July 14, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Aurrera Health Group for Adverse Childhood Experiences Aware Grant

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 Director of Social Services to execute an Agreement with Aurrera Health Group to execute the Adverse Childhood Experiences Aware Program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period of June 30, 2020 through June 29, 2021;
- b) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to extend the Agreement and allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year Budget, subject to appropriations and budget approval; and
- c) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the Agreement with Aurrera Health Group to execute the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware Program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period from June 30, 2020 through June 29, 2021.

Background:

California Governor Gavin Newsom, in his first state budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20, proposed a Medi-Cal supplemental payment for providers to screen both pediatric and adult beneficiaries for trauma using specified screening tools. As the state budget process moved forward, the Governor proposed additional resources specifically targeted at providing health care providers with training and technical assistance to better equip practicing physicians as they worked with patients that have been exposed to significant trauma or have health effects related to trauma exposure.

Pursuant to the Legislature’s approval and Governor’s signature enacting the state’s 2019-20 budget, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Office of the California Surgeon General have launched “ACEs Aware,” a program that will give Medi-Cal providers training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs. DHCS has contracted with Aurrera Health Group to help develop and implement a provider training program for providers to qualify to earn supplemental payments for conducting screening for ACEs. Under the contract, Aurrera Health Group is authorized and directed to contract with other entities to help develop and promote the training program.

The Agreement before your Board is to obtain the funds provided by the ACEs Aware grant. The funds will allow the Department of Social Services (DSS) to coordinate the annual Bridges to Resilience conference. DSS is making modifications to facilitate the conference virtually, and to incorporate neighboring counties of Ventura and San Luis Obispo to participate in the virtual conference. The purpose of this annual conference is to build a resilient and resourceful community.

Performance Measure:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: State			\$ 150,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00

Narrative:

Aurrera Health Group will reimburse the Santa Barbara County KIDS Network for any activities related to the ACEs Aware program. There is no impact to General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that Aurrera Health Group is a medium risk vendor. Under section 15 of the Agreement, the County is required to indemnify the Aurrera Health Group for any damages that result from the performance of the Agreement.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
None

FTEs:
None

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit

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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - Agreement – Aurrera Health Group – ACEs Aware Grant

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