



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: 10/16/07
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 10 Minutes on 10/23/07
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy M. Gallagher
Director(s)
Contact Info: Deborah Hartman (686-8953)

SUBJECT: **Contract: Family Care Network, Inc. for Transitional Housing Program – Plus for Emancipated Foster/Probation Youth**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Select_Concurrence **Yes**

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Select_Concurrence **Yes**

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Select_Concurrence **Yes**

Other Concurrence: Real Estate
Services

As to form: Select_Concurrence **Yes**

Recommended Actions:

- a.) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract for the period November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008 with Family Care Network, Inc, a local vendor, in the amount of \$304,992 to provide former foster care youth ages 18-24 years services under the Transitional Housing Placement-Plus (THP-Plus) Program which include safe affordable housing and comprehensive supportive services to help these youth make a successful transition from out-of-home placements to self-sufficiency and independent living. The service site shall be the “La Morada Transitional Youth Center” also known as La Morada.
- b.) Authorize the Director of The Department of Social Services at her discretion to exercise the County’s renewal option provided for in the contract, for a period not to exceed two years, including the renewal period and if the renewal period is exercised, the total term of the contract would be for a maximum of three years with a cost not to exceed \$975,974.
- c.) Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments are not in variance of ten percent (10%) of the contract’s dollar amount. (11/1/07-10/31/08 \$304,992; 11/1/08-10/31/09 \$335,491; 11/1/09-10/31/10 \$335,491)

- d.) Authorize and approve a Budget Revision Request to appropriate unanticipated revenue of \$203,328 to fund a THP-Plus Program funded by the California Department of Social Services in FY 2007/08.
- e.) Approve the proposed Lease Agreement granting Family Care Network, Inc. the right to occupy the La Morada Transitional Youth Center, located at 66 South San Antonio Road, in Santa Barbara, with no base rent subject to Family Care Network's maintenance and repair of the building and grounds for a period of one (1) year, beginning November 1, 2007, with the option to renew the agreement for an additional two years, at the discretion of the Director of Social Services; as partial consideration for the services provided for in the THP-Plus Service Contract.

Background:

THP-Plus is a State program created in 2001 to provide affordable housing and supportive services to former foster youth ages 18 to 24 to prevent homelessness and to increase the chances of successful transition to adulthood. California Senate Bill 1576, passed in June 2006, modified the funding requirements for the State's THP-Plus program by eliminating a County share requirement and expanded the program to any county with an approved THP-Plus plan. Santa Barbara County is currently one of 17 counties with an approved plan.

Santa Barbara County currently contracts with Community Action Commission to provide Independent Living Services. These services are similar to some of the components of the THP-Plus program and include independent living skills and support to help eligible foster youth transition into independent living. The addition of THP-Plus program will complement the Independent Living Program. In addition to the housing component, the THP-Plus program offers monthly stipends for savings/emancipation fund, educational/vocational services, and monthly utilities, as well as a curriculum focusing on competencies needed to become a self-sufficient adult. We anticipate that these enriched and comprehensive services will help to improve outcomes for emancipated foster youth. Initially the program will serve up to eight youth per month. Santa Barbara County will receive \$3,177 per participant per month from the California Department of Social Services, which will go directly to youth needs (housing, utilities, food, savings, etc) as well as to provide for intensive training and support through Family Care Network, Inc.

Summary Text:

Emancipated foster/probation youth face overwhelming challenges on their road to independence. THP-Plus services can be the bridge to assist youth in successfully transitioning from Foster Care to adulthood. The THP-Plus Program offered at La Morada will be the first step in helping a population of youth that have so much potential for success if given the opportunity for support. Each year approximately 30 to 36 youth are emancipated from Foster Care in Santa Barbara County. Very few of these youth remain with their foster families. When a youth's case is closed and the Juvenile Court dismisses the jurisdiction over the youth there is an assumption that these youth will somehow blend into society and live "normal lives". The reality is that many of these youth do not know what a normal life is and simply blend into the invisible world of other homeless or struggling foster youth. These young people want to go to college, want to work, and want access to basic health and mental health services but have no one to help them navigate through the maze of paperwork and bureaucracy. Even more distressing is that many do not have an address to put on their applications for jobs or paperwork for school. Of the 36 youth that emancipated from Foster Care in the summer of 2006, the Independent Living Program became aware of six that were homeless by January 2007. The six are from all three regions of the county and from both the Juvenile Probation system and Child

Welfare Services. All had spent their teen years in foster care, one is an orphan, two have severe mental health issues, and the others have no families or friends that are able to offer shelter or support.

In 2004, in a collaborative arrangement with the Sheriff's Department, the La Morada Facility was transferred to the Department of Social Services for the purpose of providing foster youth support services. The facility has recently been remodeled in preparation for the THP-Plus Program. The Request for Proposals for the THP-Plus Program issued by the Department of Social Services was presented to prospective service providers on the premise that the facility from which the services would be provided by the County, rent-free, with the contractor accepting responsibility for the cost of maintenance and operation of the facility. The term of the lease is set to run concurrently with the term of the service contract, and will terminate automatically if the service contract is terminated.

General Services has prepared the "La Morada Lease" which is being submitted to your Board for approval concurrently with the Family Care Network, Inc. Contract. The lease grants Family Care Network, Inc., the THP-Plus Program service provider the right to use the approximately 6400 square foot facility and surrounding grounds solely for the purpose of establishing and operating the "La Morada Transitional Youth Center" on behalf of the County. Family Care Network, Inc. will pay for all utilities serving the facility, and will reimburse the County for all maintenance and repair to the building and property. Except in the case of emergency, General Services will directly coordinate all maintenance and repair requested by Family Care Network, Inc.

The lease grants the Director of Social Services the authority to administer and enforce the terms of the lease on behalf of the County. Family Care Network, Inc. will have the right to extend the lease for an additional two years, subject to approval by the Director of Social Services, so long as the service contract is also extended. Any extension of the lease will terminate upon termination of the service contract.

La Morada has been designated as a facility for use by the State-funded THP-Plus Program. La Morada will be able to serve as an address for those former foster youth that have no address, and they will be able to put the La Morada phone number as an emergency contact. The THP-Plus Program offered at the La Morada site will offer 8 former foster youth ages 18 through 24 the opportunity for housing, continued education, employment services, supportive services, case management, and a sense of belonging to a community.

The intent of THP-Plus is to allow eligible young adults the greatest amount of freedom possible while providing supportive services to prepare them for self-sufficiency. As the THP-Plus provider, Family Care Network, Inc. will have oversight of facility operations. There will be frequent coordination and collaboration with the various program staff utilizing the Center.

The Request for Proposals for THP-Plus was released May 31, 2007. Three proposals were received. Following a comprehensive evaluation, a contract was awarded to Family Care Network, Inc., a local vendor, to provide services at the La Morada facility. Key considerations were demonstrated capacity to provide the services, strong experience, and reasonable, allowable, and necessary costs. Family Care Network Inc. has been a transitional housing provider for transitional age youth since 1999, and has served youth aging out of foster care for 19½ years. Their program plan incorporates their experience working with transitional age youth, blended with the uniqueness of the La Morada Transitional Youth Center. Their program fully incorporates best practices and wraparound services philosophy; embraces

and promotes community integration and participation; provides individualized, one-on-one services which give clients “voice, choice & preference”; and incorporates a "positive peer culture" environment and approach to maximize client participation. Family Care Network, Inc. will create partnerships, linkages and community supports necessary successfully meet client needs and achieve program outcomes, and the agency has the infrastructure necessary to effectively manage all aspects and requirements of this program.

Performance Measure:

Contractor Performance Measures:

The contractor will be required to work with the County to develop “baseline” data for each young adult participant and will be required to establish monthly progress measurements. Measurements will include education, employment, living wage, permanency, and housing.

Provider will be required to:

- Furnish quarterly reports on individual youths’ progress and outcomes to the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services Independent Living Program (ILP) Coordinator.
- Maintain accurate client files and records to satisfy County reporting requirements
- For a minimum of two years following discharge providers will complete follow-up assessments and outcome evaluations every six months utilizing the same or complimentary assessment instruments. THP-Plus providers will offer incentives to youth to encourage their participation in post emancipation assessments and outcome evaluations. Data and reports on these assessments and evaluations will be furnished quarterly to the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services ILP Coordinator.

Provider shall meet the following program goals:

<i>Goal:</i>	<i>Measure 1:</i>	<i>Measure 2:</i>
1. The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated foster youth to secure stable housing.	Annually, 50% of the THP-Plus enrolled tenants will successfully maintain their THP-Plus placement.	Annually, 75% of the participants exiting the THP-Plus Program will secure and maintain housing for at least one year.
2. The THP-Plus program will increase the employability of emancipated foster youth.	Of the THP-Plus residents not employed at time of entry, 75% will obtain employment or enter into a vocational training program or internship within six months of entering the program.	75% of THP-Plus residents will increase their income within one year of entering the transitional housing program.
3. The THP-Plus program will encourage emancipated youth furthering their educational goals.	Annually, 50% of participants will be enrolled within an accredited college or 4-year educational institution.	95% of participants in or exiting the program will obtain their high school diploma or equivalent.

Goal:	Measure 1:	Measure 2:
4. The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated youth in connecting to health care Services and other community based resources.	95% of THP-Plus participants will be enrolled in Medi-Cal or other private / public health insurance program.	95% will obtain information about community services such as food banks, food stamps, legal services, financial aid programs, and individual development accounts.
5. Daily Living: The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated youth in learning life skills necessary for self-sufficiency.	<p><u>Measure 1: Budgeting</u> 75% of THP-Plus participants will develop a realistic budget for living expenses and live with-in the established budget.</p> <p><u>Measure 2: Shop/Healthy Meals</u> 75% of THP-Plus participants will be able to grocery shop for healthy meals on an established budget, utilizing additional resources as needed.</p> <p><u>Measure 3 – Transportation</u> 95% of THP-Plus participants will have transportation (i.e.: skateboard, bicycles, vehicle) and/or be able to effectively utilize public transportation.</p>	

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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	\$ 203,328.00	\$ 325,000.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 203,328.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this one year contract will result in total expenditures of no more than \$304,992.

These costs have been allocated as follows: \$203,328 in FY 2007/08 and \$101,664 in FY 2008/09. Appropriations and Funding for Fiscal Year 2007/08 are included in the attached Budget Adjustment. Appropriations and Funding for Fiscal Year 2008/09 will be included in the Department of Social Services requested budget under the Social Programs division. Funding for this contract is 100% State funded through the California Department of Social Services. 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:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) duplicate original Contract and a copy of the minute order to Diana Klopp.

Attachments:

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

Lease Agreement

Budget Revision Request

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