



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: June 4, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Director (805) 346-7101
Director(s)
Contact Info: Barbara Finch, Child and Adult Network Director, 681-4678

SUBJECT: **Agreements with Child Abuse Listening Mediation and Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County dba Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center in North County for Targeted Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Child Abuse Listening Mediation (a local vendor), to provide Targeted Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County dba Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center in North County (a local vendor), to provide Targeted Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$167,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020;
- c) Authorize the Director of Social Services or designee to adjust the Line Item Budget of the Child Abuse Listening Mediation Agreement without exceeding the total contract amount;

- d) Authorize the Director of Social Services or designee to adjust the Line Item Budget of the Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County dba Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center in North County Agreement without exceeding the total contract amount; and
- e) 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 and authorize the Chair to execute Agreements with Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM) and Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County dba Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center in North County (FSA-SMVYFC) to provide Targeted Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services (CA&NP) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$417,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The objective is for CALM and FSA-SMVYFC to provide an array of trauma-informed and evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention services to families in the Santa Maria Valley, Lompoc, Santa Ynez Valley, and south Santa Barbara County. Services will reduce risks and build protective factors, providing targeted support to parents and primary caregivers of young children, and will address the underlying causes of general neglect, including mental health needs, parental substance abuse and intimate partner violence. Services will include but are not limited to referrals and linkages for basic needs support, home visitation, parent education, mental health services, case management, and parent leadership development.

Background:

Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services (DSS) is committed to providing family-centered, strength-based CA&NP services in collaboration with its community partners. DSS is also committed to ensure that the available funding is used in the most strategic and integrated fashion to promote a comprehensive system of care that addresses the need for early identification and prevention services that are open and accessible to all families, while linking parents and children to intervention and treatment services as needed.

CALM, in collaboration with Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People, Dorothy Jackson Center of Lompoc and Isla Vista Youth Projects will provide CA&NP services county-wide. The majority of services will be provided in South and Mid-Santa Barbara County. FSA-SMVYFC, in collaboration with the Guadalupe Little House by the Park, will provide child abuse and neglect prevention services in Northern Santa Barbara County. Specific services include case management, evidence-based parent education, home visitation, information and referrals, and mental health services for families at-risk of child abuse and neglect.

In 1983, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 2994, which authorized the creation of the County’s Children’s Trust Fund (CTF), local fund specifically designated in law for community-based child abuse and neglect prevention activities. The purpose of the CTF is to fund child abuse prevention and intervention programs. Revenue sources for the CTF consist of fees from birth certificates, pursuant to Section 18968 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and fees from special license plate sales. Santa

Barbara County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is responsible for approving all funding recommendations for the CTF (Welfare and Institutions Code 18697). DSS is responsible for administering all funds at the local level, with oversight from various community councils, including the Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council and the KIDS Network.

In addition to the CTF, three federal and state funding sources are available to the County for child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention. Federal funds include Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds, and the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grants. Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) funds are state realignment funds.

As in prior funding cycles, federal, state and local child abuse prevention funds available for community-based services were integrated into one request for proposal to align services along priority outcomes based on the Five-Year Plan for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. The Five-Year Plan was accepted by the California Department of Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention on April 24, 2018, and was approved by the BOS as part of the 2017 Santa Barbara County System Improvement Plan on May 15, 2018.

A request for proposals was released on November 28, 2018 for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Santa Barbara County, with an emphasis on community-wide coordination and collaboration, evidence-based programming and measurable community impact. As a result three (3) proposals for funding were received by the submittal due date of January 22, 2019. Following a comprehensive evaluation, contracts are being awarded to CALM and FSA-SMVYFC.

Performance Measure:

CALM Performance Measures

1. 75% of families who score ‘in-crisis’ or ‘at-risk’ will show measurable improvement with at least one follow-up assessment, as measured by the Family Development Matrix (FDM).
2. 85% of parents receiving therapeutic services through CALM will maintain or improve positive parenting attitudes related to reduced risk of child abuse, including appropriate developmental expectations, positive parent-child roles, positive beliefs against corporal punishment, and empathy for their children following six months of treatment, as measured by any one domain on the Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory - version 2 (AAP2.1).
3. 85% of referrals for concrete support will result in successful access to services, as measured by referral tracking and follow-up.
4. 75% of families receiving family support services will show improvements in overall family functioning, emotional support, concrete support, and nurturing and attachment between intake and follow up, as measured by an overall increase in average scores on the Protective Factors Survey.
5. 90% of families receiving CA&NP services will rate their overall satisfaction with services between good and excellent as measured by the Client Satisfaction Questionnaire.

FSA-SMVYFC Performance Measures

1. 80% of parents/caregivers completing the evidence-based Nurturing Parenting Program will reduce their overall risk for child abuse and neglect upon program completion, as measured by the AAP2.1.
2. 80% of families completing the evidence-based Incredible Years Home Visiting Program will increase their level of competency in the domains of appropriate discipline, positive parenting and clear expectations, as measured by the Parenting Practices Interview.
3. 80% of case management indicators identified ‘in-crisis’ or ‘at-risk’ will show measurable improvement with at least one follow-up assessment, as measured by the FDM.
4. 80% of referrals for concrete support will result in successful access to services, as measured by referral tracking and follow-up.
5. 80% of parents surveyed will report that they are ‘Mostly Satisfied’ or ‘Very Satisfied’ with the assistance they receive, as measured by the Consumer Satisfaction Questionnaire.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Fiscal Year		Total One-Time Project Cost
	2019/2020 Cost:	Next FY Cost:	
General Fund			
State - Realignment	\$ 131,659.00		
Federal	\$ 202,849.00		
Fees	\$ 82,492.00		
Other:			
Total	\$ 417,000.00		\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of these funding recommendations will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$417,000. Appropriations and funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 are included in DSS’ recommended budget under the social programs division. The contract will be fully funded in part by the 2011 State Realignment through the CAPIT funds, by federal funds through the PSSF and CBCAP grants, and by funds from the CTF. Execution of the contracts will not result in additional General Fund contributions. The contracts include a clause that allows the County to reduce the contracted “not-to-exceed” amount if revenues are not realized at the DSS’s anticipated level.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that CALM is a medium risk vendor. The County has experience with CALM and is confident of its ability to provide services.

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that FSA-SMVYFC is a medium risk vendor. The County has experience with FSA-SMVYFC and is confident of its ability to provide services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

None

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

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

Department of Social Services

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Agreement – CALM – CANP FY 2019-2020
- Attachment 2 – Agreement – FSA-SMVYFC - CANP FY2019-2020

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