



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: December 13, 2016
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: Pathway Family Services, Inc. for Child Welfare Services Emergency Shelter Care 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 the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Pathway Family Services, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$364,500.00, (not to exceed \$121,500.00 for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, and not to exceed \$243,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018), to provide Child Welfare Services (CWS) Emergency Shelter Care Services (Attachment 1); and
- b) Determine that the approval and execution of the above Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the approval and execution of the Agreement 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:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the Agreement between the County and Pathway Family Services, Inc. (Pathway) to provide CWS Emergency Shelter Care Services. It is the recommendation of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to authorize and execute this Agreement with Pathway.

Background:

Pathway is a corporation that is licensed by the California Department of Social Services – Community Care Licensing as a Foster Family Agency to provide foster care services in Kern, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Tulare and Riverside Counties and has been serving the needs of 'At Risk' youth since 2006. The County of Santa Barbara is currently successfully contracting with Pathway to provide these services 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. Since 2013, DSS has had a productive partnership with Pathway as they provide essential services for the recruitment, certification, training and supervision of the temporary shelter placements.

A request for proposals was released on August 10, 2016 requesting proposals from a Foster Family Agency (FFA) interested in providing Emergency shelter Services for minors being removed from their homes or being returned to County on a temporary basis for court hearings or determination of a permanent placement arrangement. As a result two (2) proposals for funding were received by the submittal due date of September 14, 2016. Following a comprehensive evaluation, a contract is being recommended for award to Pathway to provide these services.

Performance Measure:

- 100% of children/youth placed in Emergency Shelter Care will not have any substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect by household members.
- 100% of all requests for a shelter bed will be responded to within 60 minutes of verbal notification.
- 100% of safety and facility deficiencies will be corrected within timeline as specified by Community Care Licensing and/or County.

Pathway has held the Emergency Shelter Care services contract since October 2013.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Next FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 30,375.00	\$ 60,750.00	
Federal	\$ 91,125.00	\$ 182,250.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 121,500.00	\$ 243,000.00	\$ -

Narrative:

Appropriations and funding for FY 2016-17 are included in the Department of Social Services recommended budget under the Adult and Children Services branch. The CWS Emergency Shelter Care Services will be fully funded 75% with Federal Title IV-B Sources and 25% State 2011 and 1991 Realignment. Execution of this Agreement will not result in additional General Fund contributions.

Key Contract Risks:

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

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

None

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

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

Department of Social Services
Attn: Contracts Coordinator, 3rd Floor
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – Pathway for CWS Emergency Shelter Care Services

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