



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:** 06/20/17  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson , Director (805) 346-7101  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Amy Krueger, Deputy Director of Adult and Children Services,  
346-7248

**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. for Transitional Housing Program-Plus Services

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**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 Chair to execute the First Amendment for Services of Independent Contractor with Family Care Network, Inc, a local vendor, for the purpose of Transitional Housing Program-Plus services for emancipated foster or probation youth, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$650,000 (\$250,000 for FY 2016/2017, \$200,000 for FY 2017/2018, and \$200,000 for FY 2018/2019) for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; and
- b) Determine that the approval and execution of the Amendment 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 Amendment is 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:**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is seeking approval of the First Amendment with Family Care Network, Inc. (FCNI) to provide Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) services. It is the recommendation of DSS to authorize and execute the Amendment.

**Background:** THP-Plus services 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 likelihood of successful transition to adulthood. DSS has had an approved plan since 2007.

Emancipated foster and/or probation youth face overwhelming challenges on their road to independence. Without assistance former foster and/or probation youth do not fare well during this difficult transition, and experience homelessness, unemployment and incarceration rates far exceeding their peers. County's youth are in need of housing and supportive, concrete services, delivered in a real-life environment, in order to adequately prepare them for self-sufficiency and adulthood.

The THP-Plus program is certified by DSS and provides former foster youth with safe, affordable housing as well as access to comprehensive supportive services in Santa Barbara County.

County utilizes the **Scattered-Site Permanent Model:**

Participants live in housing located in multiple locations in the County that are owned or leased by the THP-Plus provider. In order to maximize available resources, housing is primarily located in the North County area (Santa Maria and Lompoc). THP-Plus supportive services and rental subsidies are provided to participants for up to a 24-month period commencing on the date participant begins the THP-Plus Program, after which, participants are assisted by FCNI in finding permanent housing at the conclusion of their program participation.

On March 9, 2016, DSS released a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting interest from non-profit service providers having experience working with this population and experience offering aftercare services. On June 21, 2016, the Board approved the Review Committee's recommendation to award FCNI the contract to provide services in County. FCNI has provided transitional housing services to age appropriate youth since 1999, and overall, has served youth aging out of foster care for 29 years. The 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. FCNI has created partnerships, linkages and community supports necessary to successfully meet client needs and achieve program outcomes. Furthermore, DSS understands that FCNI has the infrastructure needed to effectively manage the requirements of this program. FCNI has provided THP-Plus Program service to County's youth since 2007. It is anticipated that FCNI will fully maximize the available State allocation by providing services to the maximum number of THP-Plus eligible youth.

**Performance Measure:** The following includes current performance as of Third Quarter and program goals for FYs 2016/2017:

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>Measure 1:</b>	<b>Measure 2:</b>
1. The THP-Plus program shall assist emancipated foster youth to secure stable housing.	Annually, 75% of the THP-Plus enrolled tenants shall successfully maintain their THP-Plus placement. (current =100%)	Annually, 75% of the participants exiting the THP-Plus Program shall secure and maintain housing for at least one year. (current =50%)
2. The THP-Plus program shall increase the employability of emancipated foster youth.	Of the THP-Plus residents not employed at time of entry, 75% shall obtain employment or enter into a vocational training program or internship within six months of entering the program. (current =100%)	75% of THP-Plus residents shall increase their income within one year of entering the transitional housing program. (current = 83%)
3. The THP-Plus program shall encourage emancipated youth furthering their educational goals.	Annually, 75% of participants shall be enrolled within an accredited college or 4-year educational institution or trade or technical school. (current = 25%)	90% of participants in or exiting the program shall obtain their high school diploma or equivalent. (current = 67%)
4. The THP-Plus program shall assist emancipated youth in connecting to health care services and other community based resources.	100% of THP-Plus participants shall be enrolled in Medi-Cal or other private / public health insurance program. (current =100%)	100% shall obtain information about community services such as food banks, food stamps, legal services, financial aid programs, and individual development accounts. (current = 100%)
5. Daily Living: The THP-Plus program shall assist emancipated youth in learning life skills necessary for self-sufficiency.	<p><b><u>Measure 1: Budgeting</u></b> 90% of THP-Plus participants shall develop a realistic budget for living expenses and live within the established budget. (current =100%)</p> <p><b><u>Measure 2: Shop/Healthy Meals</u></b> 90% of THP-Plus participants shall be able to grocery shop for healthy meals on an established budget, utilizing additional resources as needed. (current =100%)</p> <p><b><u>Measure 3 – Transportation</u></b> 100% of THP-Plus participants shall have transportation (e.g., skateboard, bicycles, vehicle) and/or be able to effectively utilize public transportation. (current =100%)</p>	

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2016/17 Cost</b>	<b>Annual On-going Cost:</b>
General Fund		
State - Realignment	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Federal		
Fees		
Other:		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>

**Narrative:**

Approval and execution of this Agreement will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$650,000 for the full term of the contract, ending June 30, 2019. For FY 2016/2017, contract expenditures were \$250,000. For FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019, contract expenditures will be \$200,000 per fiscal year. Appropriations and funding for FY 2016/2017 are included in the DSS Recommended budget under the Social Programs Division. Funding for this Contract will be from the 2011 State Realignment funds. The Budget Act of 2011 realigned the California Department of Social Services funding for Protective Services from the state to local governments and redirects specified tax revenue to fund those programs.

**Key Contract Risks:**

DSS has determined that FCNI is a medium risk vendor. DSS has had a positive and productive relationship with FCNI since 2007. DSS is confident of FCNI’s abilities to continue providing services.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
None

**FTEs:**  
None

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) duplicate original Agreement and one (1) copy of the Minute Order to:  
 Department of Social Services  
 Attn: Emma Duncan, Contracts Coordinator  
 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway  
 Santa Maria, CA 93455

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1: First Amendment to the Agreement with Family Care Network Inc. for Transitional Housing Program-Plus Services

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