



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:** 7/3/18  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Third Amendment to Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families Agreement for Safety Watch Services Program

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families in the amount not to exceed \$28,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and in the amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for the provision of Safety Watch Services Program; and
- b) Determine that the approval and execution of the 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 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:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the Third Amendment to increase the Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$28,000 for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and for a total contract amount

not to exceed \$40,000 for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for the provision of Safety Watch Services Program. The Department of Social Services (DSS) recommends the approval of the Amendment to allow for the continuation of services for a high-needs youth.

**Background:**

Casa Pacifica currently provides its Safety Watch Program of intensive one-on-one supervision for those children determined to pose an extraordinary risk to themselves or others. There is a documented need for the County to contract for the provision of intensive one-on-one supervision (Safety Watch) for certain young people with emotional/behavioral and/or medical problems. Often, these children have a history of placement instability and their needs are often too complex for placement in a foster home. There exists a need for a facility/program that is equipped with both the staff and physical facility to create a secure environment for these children. The intensive one-on-one supervision is to ensure the safety of the individual child and any other children in the facility. Casa Pacifica has been providing these services since 2001.

Since April 2018, a youth was placed with Casa Pacifica that has and will continue to use a very high number of hours due to the youth’s high-needs service level. Services are continuing to be provided for the youth which will result in over-expending the fiscal year (FY) 2017/2018 contract. The youth will likely require services through the remainder of June and beyond. This Amendment is to increase the contract amount from \$8,000 to \$28,000 for FY 2017/2018 and from \$8,000 to \$40,000 for 2018/2019 to allow for the continuation of services for this high-needs youth.

**Performance Measure:**

***Current Performance Data (As of June 2018 for FY 2017/2018)***

- 75% of children who receive Safety Watch Services will be safely stabilized in placement and will not need a higher level of care. (Target = 80%)

***Proposed Performance Measure for FY 2018/2019***

- 100% of children who receive Safety Watch Services will be safely stabilized in placement and will not harm themselves or others while on Safety Watch.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>FY2018/19 Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 12,000.00	
State	\$ 19,600.00	\$ 28,000.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$28,000 in Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and no more than \$40,000 in Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Appropriations, related revenue, and the County share for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19, have been included in the

Department's adopted and recommended budgets respectively within the Child Welfare Services Division. This contract will be funded with 70% State 2011 Realignment funds and 30% County funds. The Agreement contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that Casa Pacifica is a medium risk vendor. Casa Pacifica is insured for General and Professional Liability. Casa Pacifica has been providing Safety Watch Services the last 17 years. The County has experience with Casa Pacifica and is confident of its ability to provide services.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

None

**FTEs:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:  
DSS Contracts Unit  
C/O Tricia Beebe  
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Third Amendment – Casa Pacifica – Safety Watch Services

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