



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 15, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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(805) 346-8351
SUBJECT: Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families for Child and Family Team Facilitation 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:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (a local vendor) to provide Child and Family Team Facilitation Services in the amount not to exceed \$386,891 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and
- b) 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 the Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) to provide Child and Family Team (CFT) Facilitation Services for a total contract amount for to exceed \$386,891 for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Casa Pacifica will provide scheduling, preparation, facilitation, and documentation for CFT meetings.

Background:

A CFT meeting is a family centered and solution focused approach meant to draw on the family's history to provide input into the development and implementation of individualized case plans and other related services to meet the child and family's needs. The use of a strengths-based, needs driven, and culturally relevant CFT process is key to engaging children, youth, non-minor dependents, and their families. These meetings will include Child Welfare Services (CWS) children and families, resource parents, CWS staff, service providers, and additional members of a family's formal and informal support network. CFT meetings may also be held for Probation youth who are placed in foster care. Casa Pacifica will provide facilitation services that are aligned with the principles of the Integrated Core Practice Model and wraparound model of care.

The Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) was established to keep children and youth in their homes whenever possible. When children and youth must be separated from their biological parents, CCR identifies fundamental principles and requirements. These principles and requirements are that all children should live in a permanent home with a caring, loving adult and that services are most effective when delivered in the context of the best interests of a child or youth, and in a manner that is family-centered.

CCR required the development of the CFT approach for all children and youth in foster care. The CFT model provides the context and required shared responsibility to assess, plan, intervene, monitor, and refine services over time as a child or youth remains in out-of-home care. When a child or youth enter foster care in California, the county placing agency is required to hold a CFT meeting within 60 days, and then at regular intervals and at least every 6 months while the child remains in out-of-home care. Although Santa Barbara County CWS has historically provided similar team meetings (Team Decision Making, Family Team Meetings, and Permanency Conferences), this new scope of services incorporates and streamlines these meetings which historically were focused on specific subgroups.

Evidence-based and promising practices in child welfare and probation increasingly rely on youth and family engagement and teaming processes as effective methods to support children, youth, and families and include system partners in the planning, delivery and management of services. As team-based practices have grown in California, so has the recognition of their successes in improving outcomes for children, youth and their families. The CCR builds on this success to provide children and youth who are served by child welfare and probation systems with this team-based meeting strategy that improves safety, permanency, and well-being.

A request for proposals was released on January 27, 2021 seeking proposals to provide CFT Facilitation services for youth in foster care. DSS received two proposals. Following a comprehensive evaluation, the Agreement is being awarded to Casa Pacifica.

Performance Measure:

The following performance measures are included in the Agreement:

- 95% of meeting requests will be scheduled within 48 hours of receipt of request.
- 90% of meetings will result in consensus on the action plan.
- 95% of team-based meetings will be completed within a 2 hour time frame.
- 90% of participants surveyed will express satisfaction with the meeting process.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund		
State	\$ 193,445.50	
Federal	\$ 193,445.50	
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$ 386,891.00	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$386,891 in fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022. Appropriations and associated funding for FY 2021-2022 are included in the DSS adopted budget. This contract will be funded with federal (50%), and state (50%). This contract contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated. The annualized on-going cost of \$386,891 is based on FY 2021-2022 contract amount.

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. The County has experience with Casa Pacifica and is confident of their ability to provide services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

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, 3rd Floor
 Santa Maria, CA 93455
T.Beebe@sbcsocialserv.org

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement - Casa Pacifica - CFT

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