



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: July 11, 2023
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
Director(s) (805) 346-7101
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Manager, (805) 681-4529
SUBJECT: Renewal of Social Services Agreements for Fiscal Year 2023–2024

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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter, a local vendor, to provide Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services in an amount not to exceed \$218,500 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (Attachment A);
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement with Pathway Family Services, Inc., a local vendor, to provide Child Welfare Services Emergency Shelter Care Services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (Attachment B);
- c) 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:

Execution of the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Sam) for Alcohol and Drug Treatment (ADT) services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$218,500, and the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Pathway Family Services, Inc. (Pathway) for Child Welfare Services (CWS) Emergency Shelter Care (ESC) for a total contract amount not to exceed

\$250,000, will allow the Department of Social Services (DSS) to continue the delivery of services and programs to vulnerable and at-risk children and their families in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024.

Background:

DSS, in partnership with community-based organizations, provides protective and supportive services to ensure the safety and well-being of children and youth. DSS has contracted with Good Sam, and Pathway to deliver services and support that help stabilize families to ensure the safety of children at risk of abuse and neglect.

- **Good Samaritan Shelter: Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services**

Substance use/abuse is a major contributing factor to child abuse and neglect. ADT services, which are an integral part of Santa Barbara County’s CWS delivery system, may help remediate the circumstances that led to CWS intervention. Good Sam provides ADT services including, but not limited to, outpatient substance use/abuse treatment, drug/alcohol inpatient detoxification services, perinatal substance use/abuse treatment, and family-centered recovery programs to CWS clients. Execution of the Second Amendment to the Agreement for ADT services (Recommended Action (a), Attachment A) will extend its term by one additional year through June 30, 2024; and enable Good Sam to continue providing ADT services in FY 2023-2024 at a total cost not to exceed \$218,500.

- **Pathway Family Services, Inc.: Child Welfare Services Emergency Shelter Care**

Pathway is a corporation that is licensed to provide foster care services in Kern, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Tulare and Riverside Counties. DSS is currently contracting with Pathway to provide foster care services 24 hours a day/7 days a week. DSS has partnered with Pathway as it provides essential services for the recruitment, certification, training and supervision of the temporary shelter placements for children and youth being removed from their homes or being returned to DSS on a temporary basis for court hearings or determination of a permanent placement arrangement. Execution of the Third Amendment to the Agreement for CWS ESC (Recommended Action (b), Attachment B), will extend its term by one additional year through June 30, 2024; and enable Pathway to continue providing CWS ESC services in FY 2023-2024 at a total cost not exceed \$250,000.

Performance Measure:

Good Sam:

1. Complete the substance use/abuse assessment and provide the CWS Social Worker with a Pre-authorization form outlining the recommended treatment schedule within three days of assessment completion 95% of the time.
2. Engage clients at first contact and beyond in the treatment process as evidenced by 75% of the clients who complete the substance use/abuse assessment returning and participating in their recommended Alcohol and Other Drug treatment schedule for a period of at least 30 days.
3. Provide the Monthly Client Update Report and the Monthly Invoice to the COUNTY by the 15th of the month following the provision of services.
4. Provide the Quarterly Tracking Report to COUNTY by the 15th of the following month.

Pathway:

1. Pathway shall monitor the safety and well-being of children in their shelter homes. 100% of children/youth placed in ESC will not have any substantiated allegations of abuse or neglect by resource parents or any other adult members that are living in the ESC home.
2. Pathway shall respond to 100% of all requests for a shelter bed within 60 minutes of verbal notification.
3. Pathway shall maintain agreed upon number of shelter beds throughout the duration of the contract. Shelter bed retainer fees will decline as specified if shelter bed space is reduced below the contracted number of shelter beds.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Both Good Sam and Pathway have met the required performance measures outlined in the Agreement for FY 2022/2023. Good Sam has met the required performance measures outlined in the Agreement since 2015.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Good Samaritan Shelter	Pathway Family Services	Total
General Fund	\$ 35,356		\$ 35,356
State	24,689		24,689
Federal	76,403		76,403
2011 Realignment	82,052		82,052
SB163 Wraparound Program Reserve	-	250,000	250,000
Other County Departments			-
Miscellaneous Revenue			-
Total	\$ 218,500	\$ 250,000	\$ 468,500

DSS appropriated funds in its FY 2023-2024 budget to make payments under these agreements. Funds are primarily derived from non-General Fund sources. The agreements contain non-appropriation clauses in the event that no or insufficient funds are appropriated or funds are not otherwise available for payment during their terms.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that Good Sam and Pathway are medium risk vendors.

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email to nzarate@countyofsb.org and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit
C/O Nereida Zarate,
Contracts Coordinator
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

- A. Second Amendment to the Agreement with Good Sam for ADT services.
 - A-1. Executed Agreement and First Amendment to the Agreement with Good Sam for ADT services.
- B. Third Amendment to the Agreement with Pathway for CWS ESC
 - B-1. Executed Agreement and Amendments 1-2 with Pathway for ESC.

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