



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: October 17, 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
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. for Wraparound Services for Clients
Placed in San Luis Obispo County

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 an Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. (local vendor) to provide wraparound services for clients placed in San Luis Obispo County for a total contract amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the period of October 17, 2023 through June 30, 2024; 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 Family Care Network, Inc. (FCNI) to provide wraparound services for clients placed in San Luis Obispo County for a total contract amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the period from October 17, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Wraparound services are specialized mental health services needed to help preserve local placements for children who have the highest risk of being placed in Short Term Residential Treatment Programs: the highest level of placement for a youth, and most often located outside of their communities.

Background:

In 1997, Wraparound was established in California under Senate Bill (SB) 163 (Chapter 795, Statutes of 1997) which allows California counties to develop a wraparound services program using state and county Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) dollars.

The SB 163 Legislation requires wraparound services to:

- Be family centered, individualized, culturally relevant, and strength based;
- Be team and community based;
- Identify and rely on a family's natural & community supports;
- Develop a Child and Family Team plan to identify service needs;
- Place child in the least restrictive environment;
- Track and evaluate outcomes; and
- Reinvest cost saving into child welfare programs.

SB 163 authorized counties to fund wraparound services using the state and county share of foster care placement dollars that would have otherwise been paid to a group home. The state and county share of foster care funds can be used in a flexible manner to develop and implement services designed to keep at-risk children/youth at home or in their communities and out of high cost placements. Without the wraparound services program, expenditures for foster care placements would be higher as more children would be placed out of home and in higher level placements. Wraparound services can reduce the risk of out-of-home placement and recidivism by bringing individuals, agencies, and the community together as the decision-making team, with the central focus being to meet the needs of the child/youth and their family. Wraparound Services may also be used for children/youth who are eligible for Adoption Assistance Program benefits. The single most important outcome of the wraparound services program is that children/youth are in permanent homes maintained and supported by the community.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) functions as the lead administrator for contractual functions, as well as oversight for wraparound services in Santa Barbara County. This contract is being requested to serve youth who are placed in San Luis Obispo County in relative or resource family homes that can meet their specific needs. Many of these youth have complex mental health and behavioral problems, and are in need of wraparound services to maintain their placement. Casa Pacifica, the agency currently contracted to provide wraparound services within Santa Barbara County, is unable to provide services to youth placed outside of the County at this time.

Performance Measure:

FCNI shall meet the following Performance Outcomes:

1. Eighty percent (80%) of children/youth served shall be successfully stabilized in a home-based placement or diverted/stepped down from congregate care to a home-based placement.
2. One hundred percent (100%) of children/youth shall have a documented plan in place that outlines:
 - a. The safety concerns and barriers to stabilizing the child/youth in their current placement; and
 - b. The goals and steps for the CFT to resolve those concerns.

- 3. One hundred percent (100%) of children/youth/families being served shall have access to crisis intervention services twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2023/24 Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 72,000		\$ 72,000.00
2011 Realignment	\$ 48,000		\$ 48,000.00
Total	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$120,000. Appropriations are budgeted in DSS’s FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget under the Social Programs division and funded with 2011 Realignment revenues and General Fund Contribution. This contract does not require additional appropriations or allocation from the General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that FCNI is a medium risk vendor. The agreement was rated as “medium risk” primarily due to the moderate complexity of contract requirements and contract type (cost reimbursable). FCNI is insured for General and Professional Liability.

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
Email: tbeebe@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

- 1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – FCNI – Wraparound Services

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