

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

September 26, 2023

FROM

JEANY ZEPEDA, Director, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT

Amendment to Contract with Walden Family Services for Independent Living Program Extended Care Services

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve **Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 19-306** with Walden Family Services to provide Independent Living Program Extended Care Services, updating standard contract language, increasing the amount by \$225,000, from \$1,275,000 to \$1,500,000, and extending the contract an additional nine months, for the total contract period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. (Presenter: Jeany Zepeda, Director, 387-2792)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not require additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The increase of \$225,000 will be funded with the Independent Living Allocation and is 62% (\$139,500) federal and 38% (\$85,500) 2011 Realignment funds. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Human Services Administrative Claim 2023-24 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The recommended amendment with Walden Family Services will allow Children and Family Services (CFS) to continue providing Independent Living Program (ILP) Extended Care services through June 30, 2024, and will update the standard contract language to include Executive Order N-6-22 Russian Sanctions and the Campaign Contribution Disclosure.

ILP Extended Care services enable foster youth to secure the skills that are necessary to exit the dependency court system and become self-sufficient. Federal and state law authorizes payments to establish and administer programs that assist foster youth with the transition from dependency to independent self-sufficient living. CFS manages a variety of programs to assist foster youth through this transition, both directly and through contracted agencies. CFS anticipates that the recommended amendment to extend the contract with Walden Family Services for nine months and add additional funding of \$225,000 will provide ILP Extended Care Services to 52 dependents, at a cost of approximately \$4,300 per dependent.

To ensure foster youth have access to ILP services, CFS has provided ILP Extended Care Services through contracted agencies since 1985. ILP Extended Care includes, but is not limited to education assistance and counseling, legal assistance and counseling, career

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preparation, job placement and retention training, vocational assessment and training, crisis counseling, housing assistance and home management, emergency assistance, financial management and credit counseling, healthcare, parenting skills, interpersonal/social skills and time management training, and transportation arrangement. Independent living skills help foster youth who are dependents or wards of the County develop the skills to meet their needs in the community and successfully transition into independent living upon their exit from the foster care system.

PROCUREMENT

On May 21, 2019 (Item No. 44), as a result of a formal procurement, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Contract No. 19-306 with Walden Family Services to provide ILP Extended Care Services, in the amount of \$975,000, for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022. The contract included two one-year extension options upon mutual agreement of all parties.

On September 13, 2022 (Item No. 18), the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 19-306 with Walden Family Services to provide ILP Extended Care Services, updating standard contract language, increasing the amount by \$300,000, from \$975,000 to \$1,275,000, and extending the contract an additional year, for the total contract period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Patty Steven, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on August 9, 2023; County Counsel (Kaleigh Ragon, Deputy County Counsel 387-5455) on August 17, 2023; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 388-0208) on September 1, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on September 8, 2023.

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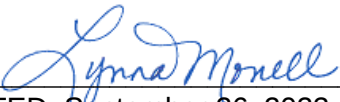
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Jesse Armendarez

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: September 26, 2023



cc: CFS - Bussard w/agree
Contractor - c/o CFS w/agree
File - w/agree

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