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

April 8, 2025

FROM

JEANY GLASGOW, Director, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT

Amendment to Contracts for Transitional Housing Program-Plus Services

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. Approve **Amendment No. 5** to **Contract No. 20-287**, with Aspiranet to provide Transitional Housing Program-Plus services to young adults formerly in foster care, updating contract language to delineate between nonparenting and parenting placements, increasing the rate of pay for parenting placements, and increasing the total contract amount by \$100,000, from \$5,500,000 to \$5,600,000, with no change to the contract period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- 2. Approve **Amendment No. 1** to **Contract No. 24-313**, with Walden Environment, Inc., dba Walden Family Services to provide Transitional Housing Program-Plus services to young adults formerly in foster care, updating contract language to delineate between nonparenting and parenting placements and increasing the rate of pay for parenting placements, with no change to the total contract amount of \$1,100,000 or the contract period of April 10, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

(Presenter: Jeany Glasgow, Director, 658-1181)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The total increase for \$100,000 is funded with existing County local share, which may include Discretionary General Funding, 1991 Realignment, and 2011 Realignment. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Human Services Administrative Claim 2024-25 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) is a state funded transitional housing program created in 2011 to address the housing and support services needs of individuals who leave foster care on or after their 18th birthday. The program provides planning and supportive services, and safe and adequate residences to enable individuals to become self-sufficient. Children and Family Services (CFS) has provided these services since 2007 through contracted vendors.

The recommended amendments will allow CFS to continue providing THP-Plus services to young adults formerly in foster care by updating the fiscal provision language to delineate

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between nonparenting placements, which consist of only a youth, and parenting placements, which include both a youth and their minor child. Due to the increased cost associated with securing housing for parenting youths, CFS is updating the rate of pay from \$2,900 to \$3,300 for these types of placements. The new rate will assist in covering additional expenses that occur with these unique placements. Amendment No. 5 to Contract 20-287 with Aspiranet will increase the contract amount by \$100,000, from \$5,500,000 to \$5,600,000. The increase of \$100,000 will allow Aspiranet to serve CFS-referred youth currently on the waiting list for services. The updates to the fiscal provision language will allow Aspiranet and Walden Environment, Inc. dba Walden Family Services (Walden) to better meet the needs of CFS referred youth.

On May 19, 2020 (Item No. 31), as the result of a formal procurement, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Contract No. 20-287 with Aspiranet to provide THP-Plus services for former foster young adults, in an amount not to exceed \$2,775,000, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

On December 15, 2020 (Item No. 28), the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 20-287 with Aspiranet, updating contract language to allow for the provision of services without regard to age or time restrictions, with no change to the contract amount or contract period.

On May 10, 2022 (Item No. 22), the Board approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 20-287 with Aspiranet, increasing the contract amount by \$425,000, from \$2,775,000 to \$3,200,000, with no change to the contract period, to allow for the provision of services to additional former foster youth who had been awaiting services.

On May 9, 2023 (Item No. 18), the Board approved Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 20-287 with Aspiranet, increasing the contract amount by \$1,200,000, from \$3,200,000 to \$4,400,000 extending the contract period by one year, for a total contract period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024, to allow for the provision of services to additional former foster youth who had been awaiting services.

On April 9, 2024 (Item No. 18), the Board approved Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 20-287 with Aspiranet, updating standard contract language, increasing the contract amount by \$1,100,000, from \$4,400,000 to \$5,500,000, and increasing the contract period by one year, for a total contract period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.

On April 9, 2024 (Item No. 19), the Board approved Contract No. 24-313 with Walden to provide THP-Plus services for former foster young adults, in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000, for the period of April 10, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

THP-Plus services include 24-hour crisis intervention and support, educational advocacy and support, assistance to pursue college or other post high school training, allowance to purchase food and other necessities, apartment furnishings, system of payment for utilities, telephone and rent, mentoring, and safe and adequate residences, defined as Scattered site and Host Family Model housing. Scattered site housing are apartments supervised by Aspiranet and Walden (together referred to as "Contractors") in various locations throughout the County, which allow young adult tenants to be integrated into their communities. The Host Family Model allows young adults to live in a family setting with a relative, current foster family, or other consistent caring adult.

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The Contractors' performance is monitored by review of monthly reports and annual audits to ensure compliance with the administrative, program, and fiscal terms and conditions of the contracts. Contractors continue to cooperate with the County in monitoring and evaluation of these contracts and have complied with all reporting requirements established by the contracts. Contractor charges are for services provided to eligible beneficiaries under this state funded program. CFS Budget and Administrative Services division reviews invoices and attachments remitted by Contractors prior to payment. The County reserves the right to request additional program and/or fiscal documentation to facilitate this monthly review. The contracts may be terminated without cause by the County with 30 days' written notice.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Patty Steven, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on March 10, 2025; County Counsel (Daniella V. Hernandez, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on March 20, 2025; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 388-0208) on March 24, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on March 24, 2025.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors San Bernardino County

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: April 8, 2025

OF SUPERIOR OF SUP

cc: CFS - Figueroa w/agree

Contractor - c/o CFS w/agree

File - w/agree

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