



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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

**April 7, 2020**

**FROM**

**MARLENE HAGEN, Director, Children and Family Services**

**SUBJECT**

Amendment to Contracts with Agencies to Provide Wraparound Services

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Approve Amendment No. 2, effective July 1, 2020, to contracts with the following agencies to provide Wraparound Services, updating contract language, increasing the total combined contracts amount by \$32,300,000, from \$120,740,000 to \$153,040,000, and exercising the final one-year option to extend the contracts, for the total contract period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021:

1. Lutheran Social Services of Southern, Contract No. 16-325, increasing the contract amount by \$3,500,000, from \$14,128,800 to \$17,628,800.
2. South Cost Children's Society, Inc., Contract No. 16-326, increasing the contract amount by \$9,300,000, from \$36,975,100 to \$46,275,100.
3. Uplift Family Services, Contract No. 16-327, increasing the contract amount by \$9,300,000, from \$36,975,100 to \$46,275,100.
4. Victor Community Support Services, Inc., Contract No. 16-328, increasing the contract amount by \$10,200,000, from \$36,661,000 to \$46,861,000.

(Presenter: Marlene Hagen, Director, 388-0242)

**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.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item does not require additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Wraparound Services' clients are foster care dependents, and current placement costs will be reallocated from existing Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care maintenance payments to cover the total combined contract increase of \$32,300,000. Adequate appropriation and revenue will be included in the Foster Care 2020-21 recommended budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Wraparound Services provide foster care children and probation wards with service alternatives to group home care through the development of expanded family based services. Services include individualized or "wraparound" services, where services are wrapped around the child living with his or her birth parent, relative, nonrelative extended family member, adoptive parent, licensed and certified foster parent, or guardian. These

services are designed to be intensive, child-focused, family-centered, and community-based and are tailored to build on the strengths of each eligible child and family and address each child and family's unique and changing needs. The average cost per child is between \$47,000 and \$94,000 annually, depending on the Standardized Schedule of Rates for each Rate Classification Level established by the California Department of Social Services and eligibility rules.

The recommended amendment will allow Children and Family Services to continue to contract with Wraparound Services providers who develop, provide, and document wraparound service activities including, but not limited to, in-home therapeutic services, home/child safety services, coaching and mentoring, housing and utility assistance, educational supplies, afterschool services, tutoring services, appropriate employment clothing, tools of the trade, transportation vouchers, bus passes, and gas cards. All services are provided in a manner consistent with the Wraparound Services philosophy of providing intensive services to children with serious behavior and/or emotional difficulties at the lowest placement level possible. These services allow children to remain in their homes and communities instead of being placed in a group home setting. When returning to home is not an option, the child may receive Wraparound Services in a foster home. The Department of Behavioral Health funds the mental health portion of these services through a combination of Mental Health Services Act and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Medi-Cal funding.

The recommended amendment to the contracts listed in the Recommendation will exercise the final option to extend the contracts for an additional one-year period. Contractor performance will continue to be monitored by review of monthly reports and an annual site visit to ensure compliance with the administrative, program, and fiscal terms and contractions of the contract.

### **PROCUREMENT**

On July 14, 2016 (Item No. 40), as the result of a formal procurement, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved contracts with the agencies listed in the Recommendation, in the total combined contract amount of \$88,440,000, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods contingent upon funding and contractor performance. On May 21, 2019 (Item No. 48), the Board approved Amendment No. 1, effective July 1, 2019, to contracts with the agencies listed in the Recommendation, exercising the first one-year option to extend the contracts, increasing the total combined contract amount by \$32,300,000, from \$88,440,000 to \$120,740,000, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020.

### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on February 19, 2020; County Counsel (Michael Markel, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on March 10, 2020; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 388-0208) on March 18, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on March 18, 2020.