



County of San Bernardino

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

May 4, 2021

FROM

MARLENE HAGEN, Director, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT

Amendment to Contracts for the Kinship Support Services Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve Amendment No. 2, effective July 1, 2021, to contracts with the following agencies to provide Kinship Support Services Program services, updating contract language, increasing the total combined contract amount by \$475,000, from \$1,900,000 to \$2,375,000, and exercising the final option to extend the contract period by one year, for the total contract period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022:

1. Mental Health Systems, Inc., Contract No. 17-375, increasing the contract amount by \$297,189, from \$1,188,756 to \$1,485,945.
2. Westside Christian Center, Contract No. 17-376, increasing the contract amount by \$177,811, from \$711,244 to \$889,055.

(Presenter: Marlene Hagen, Director, 387-2792)

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 impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The total cost of the Kinship Support Services Program (KSSP) services will not exceed \$2,375,000. Funding is 53% (\$1,258,750) Wraparound Reinvestment and 47% (\$1,116,250) 2011 Realignment. Adequate appropriation and revenue will be included in the Human Services (HS) Administration Claim 2021-22 recommended budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

KSSP provides an array of community-based family support services to kinship families as a way to increase the placement stability and safety of children who are in the care of relatives. Research suggests extended family members have had an informal role in the upbringing of related children, and in most cases, kinship care took place without the involvement or knowledge of child welfare agencies. The formal use of kinship care providers by child welfare agencies has rapidly increased over the last several years. Kinship uses suitable relative care providers rather than removing children from their families, while maintaining child safety and security. Services include, but are not limited to individual and group counseling; tutoring; mentoring; support groups; recreational activities; information and referral services; day care; legal services; respite care; transportation; and housing information. Children and Family Services (CFS) has provided KSSP services for

relative caregivers and their families through contracted providers since 2002.

The recommended amendments will allow CFS to continue to contract with KSSP services providers. Contractor performance will continue to be monitored by review of monthly reports and an annual monitoring to ensure compliance with the administrative, program and fiscal terms and conditions of the contract.

PROCUREMENT

On June 13, 2017 (Item No. 36), 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 \$1,425,000, for the contract period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

On June 23, 2020 (Item No. 37), the Board approved Amendment No. 1, effective July 1, 2020, to the contracts, increasing the total combined contract amount by \$475,000 to a total of \$1,900,000, and exercising the first option to the extend the contract period by one year, for the contract period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on March 23, 2021; County Counsel (Julie Surber, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on March 24, 2021; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 388-0208) on March 31, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on April 1, 2021.