



Legislation Text

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Approve a contract with Solano Family and Children's Services Council, Inc. to provide childcare services for women receiving substance abuse treatment for a total of \$172,702 beginning on November 1, 2018; Delegate authority to the County Administrator, with concurrence of County Counsel, to execute contract amendments that are within budgeted appropriations up to \$75,000; and Authorize the Director of Health and Social Services to execute any amendments which are technical or administrative in nature and have no fiscal impact

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve a contract with Solano Family and Children's Services Council, Inc., to provide childcare services for women receiving substance abuse treatment for a total of \$172,702 beginning on November 1, 2018; Delegate authority to the County Administrator, with concurrence of County Counsel, to execute contract amendments that are within budgeted appropriations; and Authorize the Director of Health and Social Services to execute any amendments which are technical or administrative in nature and have no fiscal impact.

SUMMARY

Solano Family and Children's Services Council, Inc., (SFCS) will assist women in obtaining appropriate child care while they are engaged in a substance abuse treatment program. This contract will provide daycare for approximately 37 women and up to 66 children. This contract is being initiated to maintain compliance with the federal Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) which funds the County's alcohol and drug prevention programs as well as services that are otherwise not funded by Drug Medi-Cal. One of the requirements of the SABG contract is to maintain compliance with perinatal treatment program requirements. The County received a Corrective Action Plan from the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) in December 2017 which identified a deficiency in the administration of the SABG services, specifically, the lack of day care services for women engaged in a substance abuse program. This contract will provide for Solano County's compliance with those program requirements.

DISCUSSION:

Solano Family and Children's Services Council, Inc. provides linkages to child care services. SFCS is experienced in providing support to both parents and child care providers. For example, it has educated its network of providers to identify childhood developmental issues and can assist the parent with referrals and resources to address those issues.

Childcare for women in substance abuse treatment was previously supplied by Youth and Family Services which ceased operations in late 2014. Since then, childcare services have not been consistently offered by County treatment providers. The proposed contract with SFCS will provide for child care services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this agreement is through federal Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funding that is dedicated for perinatal services and appropriation is available in the FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. Approval of this contract does not require any additional County General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to approve the contracts, but that will put the County out of compliance with its County-State contract. As stated in the SABG contract, DHCS has the right to withhold funds in the event of non-compliance.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel reviewed the Solano Family and Children's Services Council, Inc. contract and approved it as to form.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION