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July 18, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW THE CAL-LEARN CASE MANAGEMENT
AGREEMENTS AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY
TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT RATE
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Mayor to sign the enclosed Agreements with the four Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) agencies: AltaMed Health Services Corporation, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, El Nido Family Centers, and Foothill Family Service for the provision of Cal-Learn Case Management services. The Agreements will be renewed for three years effective September 1, 2006, or the day after Board approval, whichever is later, through August 31, 2009, at an estimated three-year cost of \$18,527,400 funded through CalWORKs Single Allocation. Enclosure A provides the estimated costs for each of the contractors. The Agreements include a Cost of Living Adjustment provision.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), or his designee, to prepare and sign amendments to the Agreements to increase or decrease the firm-fixed rate paid per participant per month by no more than ten percent per contract term when the change is necessitated by additional and necessary services that are required in order to comply with changes in Federal, State or County requirements. Any increase shall not, in the aggregate, go above ten percent of the estimated total contract cost for each Agreement. The approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) will be obtained prior to executing such amendments.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Cal-Learn is a State-mandated program for CalWORKs participants who are under 19 years old, are pregnant or parenting, and have not yet completed their high school education. The County's Cal-Learn contractors provide comprehensive, intensive case management services to assist teens in completing their high school education.

State law requires counties to contract with AFLP agencies for the provision of Cal-Learn Case Management services. The County's Cal-Learn plan, which the Board approved on August 23, 1994, and which the California Department of Social Services certified, includes contracting with the AFLP agencies for the provision of these services.

The Cal-Learn Program was first implemented through Board-approved contracts on February 28, 1995. The current three-year Agreements will expire on August 31, 2006.

Effective December 2003, the Board mandated that the Cal-Learn contractors meet three performance measures, school enrollment (60%), report card submission (50%) and graduation (50%). For the period January 2006 through March 2006, 65% were enrolled in high school, 81% submitted their report cards, and 33% graduated from high school or obtained their GED certificate. As most graduations occur in May, June or July, the quarterly period of January 2006 through March 2006 does not reflect May through July graduations. For the annual period of December 2004 through November 2005, the contractors far exceeded this performance measure by achieving a 65% high school graduation rate. This was quite an accomplishment for this very difficult and hard-to-serve population.

On November 30, 2004, the Agreements were amended to include an additional performance measure for Cal-Learn orientation (70%). For the period January 2006 through March 2006, 66% of Cal-Learn participants completed orientation.

The contracts' negotiated review period is six months for Cal-Learn orientation, school enrollment and report card submission rates and one year for graduation rates. Should a contractor's performance fall below all four performance outcome measures, a \$100 deduction may be assessed for each percentage point below the standard in each of the performance measures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Agreements are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #3; Organizational Effectiveness, to ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective and goal-oriented; Goal #4; Fiscal Responsibility, to strengthen the County's fiscal capacity; and Goal #5; Children and Families' Well-Being, to improve the

well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County as measured by the achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and educational/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Agreements do not include maximum contract amounts because they are caseload driven. Payments are based on the number of eligible teens who are enrolled and participate in the Cal-Learn Program. The estimated cost of \$18,527,400 for the three-year term of the four Agreements will be funded with CalWORKs Single Allocation. The estimated annual cost of \$6,175,800 for the Agreements is included in the FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget. There is no additional net County cost after the required CalWORKs Maintenance of Effort is met. Funding for future years will be included in the Department's annual budget requests.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County is authorized to provide these services under California's Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 11331 through 11334, California Department of Social Services' Manual of Policies and Procedures, Chapter 42-762 through 42-769, and the County's Cal-Learn Plan.

The agencies have provided satisfactory services to the County for the past ten years and have been active partners in the administration of these services. The Cal-Learn program was first implemented through Board-approved, contracts on February 28, 1995. The proposed Agreements will continue to foster effective partnerships with the County's community-based organizations.

The award of these Agreements will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations.

The County may terminate the Agreements with a 30 calendar day prior written notice.

The contractors will not be asked to perform services which will exceed the Agreements' rates, scope of work, and agreement term.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

State law requires that counties contract with the AFLP agencies to provide intensive case management services. Thus, these Agreements were not the result of a competitive solicitation but rather procurements by negotiations.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The execution of these Agreements will not infringe on the role of the County in its relationship to its residents, and the County's ability to respond to emergencies will not be impaired. There is no change in risk exposure to the County.

The award of these Agreements will enable the Department to continue providing Cal-Learn Case Management services to the County's eligible pregnant and parenting teenagers.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one (1) adopted stamped Board letter and three (3) original signed copies of each Agreement to the Director of DPSS; and one adopted copy of the Agreement (with attachments) to:

Office of the County Counsel
Attention: Diane Cachena
Social Service Division
500 West Temple Street, #648
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Respectfully submitted,



Bryce Yokomizo
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**CAL-LEARN CASE MANAGEMENT
ESTIMATED CONTRACT COSTS**

AFLP Agencies	Monthly Fixed Cost Per Participant	% of Caseload Share	Monthly Active Caseload	Estimated Monthly Cost	Estimated Annual Cost	Estimated Total Contract Cost
EI Nido Family Centers	\$205.86	48%	1,200	\$247,032	\$2,964,384	\$8,893,152
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles	\$205.86	10%	250	\$51,465	\$617,580	\$1,852,740
Foothill Family Service	\$205.86	12%	300	\$61,758	\$741,096	\$2,223,288
AltaMed Health Services Corp.	\$205.86	30%	750	\$154,395	\$1,852,740	\$5,558,220
Total		100%	2,500	\$514,650	\$6,175,800	\$18,527,400