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

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS
TO 27 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM
FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS SERVICES CONTRACTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department (Probation) request approval of amendments to current Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMD) services contracts listed in Attachment A, which increase their respective capacities and maximum annual costs by up to 33 percent, provided that their respective THPP-NMD licenses' total capacity is not exceeded.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, and the Chief Probation Officer (CPO), or designee, to execute amendments, in substantially similar form to Attachment B, for current THPP-NMD contracts, to increase their respective capacities and maximum annual costs by up to 33 percent, provided that their respective THPP-NMD licenses' total capacity is not exceeded. This will increase THPP-NMD's maximum annual cost of \$21,140,320 to \$29,557,000, financed using 21 percent Federal Title IV-E revenue, 32 percent State Realignment funds, and 47 percent net County cost.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On November 20, 2018, the Board approved a motion titled "Re-Orienting Transition Age Youth Systems of Care to Support Housing Stability" that, among others, directed DCFS to report back in

90 days on available funding to increase capacity in the Transitional Housing Placement-Plus-Foster Care (THP+FC) program by at least 33 percent. The recommended action is consistent with the Board motion's goal of increasing the capacity of the THP+FC program, the previous name of the THPP-NMD program.

DCFS and Probation used Board-delegated authority, as adopted by the Board on April 30, 2019, to amend First Place for Youth's and David and Margaret's THPP-NMD contracts, effective November 1, 2019, to increase their maximum contract sum and capacity by 10 percent. The total capacity of the THPP-NMD licenses of both contractors allowed their contracts' maximum contract sum and capacity to be increased by 10 percent.

The recommended action will increase the total capacity of the THPP-NMD program, currently at 533 beds by up to 33 percent, resulting in more transition aged youth being served.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of Strategic Plan Goal I – Make Investments that Transform Lives; Strategy I.2 – Enhance our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions; I.2.1 – Provide Subsidized Housing for Vulnerable Populations, I.2.4 – Support Job Readiness and Increase Employment Opportunities for Youth Served by the County, and I.2.9 – Support the Long Term Success of Transitional Aged Youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

A 33 percent increase in capacity of the THPP-NMD contracts will increase the program's maximum annual cost from \$21,140,320 to \$29,557,000, financed using 21 percent Federal Title IV-E revenue, 32 percent State Realignment funds, and 47 percent net County cost. The increase in cost will be funded through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) budget. The total cost of the THPP-NMD contracts is included in the DCFS Fiscal Year 2019-20 Approved Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The current THPP-NMD program is a foster care placement option for NMDs ages 18 to 21, which provides them with safe housing and assistance in developing the skills needed for transitioning to independent living.

On September 30, 2010, Assembly Bill (AB) 12, California's Fostering Connections to Success Act, was signed into law. AB 12 allows California to extend foster care up to age 21 for young adults who meet the federal participation criteria for continued eligibility after age 18, including those served under a State-Tribal IV-E agreement and supervised by Probation. Those youths who remain in extended foster care are referred to as Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs). AB 12 added two new placement options for NMDs: 1) Transitional Housing Placement-Plus-Foster Care (THP+FC) and 2) Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP).

On June 25, 2012, SB 1013 was approved, revising the licensing or certification standards for THP+FC program from a certified County approved placement option to a placement option offered by a State-licensed transitional housing provider. On September 11, 2012, California Department of Social Services (CDSS) issued significantly different implementation instructions for the THP+FC program in support of SB 1013.

Effective January 1, 2018, as a stipulation of SB 612, the THP+FC was renamed Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents. It also revised the degree requirements for social work (case managers) staff, expanded room-sharing options for NMDs, allowed NMDs to co-lease units, and allowed host family homes certified by Foster Family Agencies (FFA) to be used in THPP-NMD if the provider is licensed for both programs, FFA and THPP-NMD.

The current THPP-NMD contracts were executed by the Director of DCFS and the CPO, using Board delegated authority, as adopted by the Board on December 9, 2014. The original contract term, including renewal options, extended until June 30, 2018. On June 6, 2018, the Board delegated authority to the DCFS Director and the CPO to execute a contract extension until June 30, 2019.

On April 30, 2019, the Board delegated authority to the DCFS Director and the CPO to execute an amendment to the then THP+FC contracts, which incorporated the SB 612 legislative changes to the THP+FC program, including changing its name to THPP-NMD. The amendment also extended the term of the contracts by one year, effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020,

The Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to these contracts. These services cannot be effectively performed by County employees because they require the development and utilization of resources that are not available in the County system.

County Counsel has reviewed the amendment and Board letter, and has approved them as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DCFS released a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) on October 17, 2013. As a result of this solicitation, 22 THP+FC contracts were executed using Board-delegated authority, as adopted by the Board on November 3, 2014. The RFSQ provided for two subsequent submission periods for statements of qualifications, which resulted in five additional THP+FC contracts. All renewal options for the THP+FC contracts have been exercised.

On September 22, 2016, CDSS approved DCFS' request to utilize an RFSQ solicitation process for THPP-NMD services. The new contracts resulting from this solicitation will replace the current THPP-NMD contracts. DCFS released an RFSQ on April 24, 2018. The RFSQ invited qualified agencies to submit proposals to provide THPP-NMD services in each of the eight DCFS Service Planning Areas (SPAs) across the County. It is the intention of DCFS to award a contract to each responsive and responsible proposer, which has met the minimum mandatory qualifications. As stated in the RFSQ, the contract does not guarantee a minimum number of referrals per contract year. The RFSQ solicitation process is ongoing.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Amendment to the existing contracts will increase their respective capacities by up to 33 percent, resulting in more transition aged youth being served.

The contracts will not infringe upon the role of the County in 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.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an adopted stamped copy of the Board letter and attachments to:

1. Department of Children and Family Services
Contracts Administration Division
Attn: Leticia Torres-Ibarra, Contracts Division Manager
425 Shatto Place, Room 400
Los Angeles, California 90020

2. Probation Department
Contracts & Grants Management Division
Attn: Latasha Howard
9150 E. Imperial Highway
Downey, California 90242

Respectfully submitted,



BOBBY D. CAGLE
Director



TERRI L. McDONALD
Chief Probation Officer

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Probation Officer

CURRENT THPP-NMD CONTRACTS BY SERVICE PLANNING AREA (SPA)

#	CONTRACTOR NAME	CONTRACT NUMBER	SPA	CURRENT BEDS
1	First Steps for Youth	13-001-01	1	2
2	Walden Family Services	13-001-02	1	16
3	Penny Lane Centers	13-001-41	1	15
4	First Steps for Youth	13-001-03	2	2
5	Penny Lane Centers	13-001-04	2	24
6	Walden Family Services	13-001-05	2	80
7	Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc.	13-001-06	3	10
8	David and Margaret Home	13-001-07	3	49
9	First Place for Youth	13-001-31	3	15
10	Walden Family Services	13-001-42	3	4
11	First Steps for Youth	13-001-08	4	10
12	St. Anne's Maternity Home	13-001-09	4	15
13	First Place for Youth	13-001-10	4	43
14	First Steps for Youth	13-001-11	5	2
15	CHAIN Reaction, Inc.	13-001-12	5	2
16	First Steps for Youth	13-001-13	6	6
17	Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc.	13-001-14	6	10
18	CHAIN Reaction, Inc.	13-001-15	6	11
19	First Place for Youth	13-001-17	6	57
20	Aspiranet	13-001-18	7	22
21	Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc.	13-001-19	7	10
22	Olive Crest	13-001-20	7	34
23	Penny Lane Centers	13-001-43	7	15
24	Renaissance Unlimited Homes, Inc.	13-001-21	8	10
25	Aspiranet	13-001-22	8	22
26	CHAIN Reaction, Inc.	13-001-23	8	12
27	First Place for Youth	13-001-32	8	35
			TOTAL	533



AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM
FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (THPP-NMD)**

SPA _____

CONTRACT NUMBER _____

WITH

**AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM
FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS
CONTRACT NUMBER _____**

This Amendment Number Three (hereinafter referred to as "Amendment") to the Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMP) Contract Number _____, (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is made and entered into at Los Angeles, California this _____ day of _____, 2019, by and between the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR").

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to this Contract, and CONTRACTOR has been providing THPP-NMD Services to the County; and

WHEREAS, a purpose of this Amendment is to increase the capacity of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is prepared and executed by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as set forth in the Contract, Part II: STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SECTION 7.0, CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS;

NOW THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR mutually agree to the following changes to the Contract:

1. Exhibit D: Line Item Budget is replaced with the Line Item Budget and Narrative in Attachment I that shows an increase in the number of beds from _____ to _____ and a corresponding increase in the maximum annual costs from _____ to _____.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

**AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM
FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (THPP-NMD)
CONTRACT NUMBER _____**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Three to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Chief Probation Officer of the Probation Department, and the CONTRACTOR has caused this Amendment Number Three to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer(s) as of the day, month and year first above written. The person(s) signing on behalf of the CONTRACTOR warrant(s) under penalty of perjury that he or she is authorized to bind the CONTRACTOR in or to this Contract.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Bobby D. Cagle, Director
Department of Children and Family
Services

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Terri L. McDonald
Chief Probation Officer
Probation Department

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
Mary C. Wickham, County Counsel

By: _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel

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NEW LINE ITEM BUDGET AND NARRATIVE