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August 10, 2005

To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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From: David Sanders, Ph.D. 
Director

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR AUGUST 16, 2005 ORAL REPORT re: JULY 26, 2005 BOARD AGENDA ITEMS # 22 AND # 23 - IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FAMILY SUPPORT AND FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAMS; AND PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACTS

On July 26, 2005, your Board approved ninety-four (94) contracts with forty-five (45) community-based agencies for the provision of Family Support (FS), Family Preservation (FP) and Adoption Promotion and Support Services (APSS); and delegated authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to execute the contracts. The Board further instructed the DCFS Director and the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- Identify ongoing funding sources for the further expansion of community-based Family Support (FS) and Family Preservation (FP) programs; and report back to the Board at the meeting of August 16, 2005; and
- Include agencies' progress implementing their contracts effective August 1, 2005, and if an agency is not in compliance with their contract provisions, what effect it would have on continued funding.

FUNDING SOURCES

DCFS and the CAO have identified additional funding that can be used to expand FS and FP contracted services; and DCFS has filed a Board Letter requesting the Board's approval on August 16, 2005 to enter into an additional twelve (12) FS and FP contracts with community providers. Therefore, I respectfully request that this written report be "received and filed" in lieu of an oral presentation on August 16, 2005; and I respectfully refer the Board to the above-noted Board Letter, which relates to this item.

PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FS AND FP CONTRACTS

To provide services to children and families in their own communities, DCFS has verified that every Board-approved agency includes an operational services site located within the Services Planning Area (SPA) or DCFS office boundary per the contract requirement. Additionally, DCFS has been working with agencies to ensure compliance with all contract execution requirements prior to the start of services.

On Friday, August 5, 2005, DCFS informed agencies in writing of the Thursday, August 11, 2005 deadline to comply with all contract execution requirements in order to avoid reallocation of funds. As of 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 9, 2005, of the 45 agencies awarded 94 contracts, ten (10) agencies had not provided all required documentation for the execution of twenty (20) contracts. Should agency non-compliance result in DCFS' inability to fully execute the remaining 20 contracts approved on July 26, 2005; and the 12 FS and FP contracts before your Board on August 16, 2005, I will provide your Board with recommendations for reallocation of funding no later than September 6, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 351-5600 or your staff may contact Helen Berberian, Board Relations Manager at (213) 351-5530.

C: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

FACT SHEET

Contract: Request to approve form contracts for Family Support (FS), and Family Preservation (FP) Services with various agencies

Cost: The estimated annual cost of the FS, and FP contracts is as follows:

	FS	FP	Annual Total
FY 05-06	\$300,000	\$2,128,935	\$2,428,935
FY 06-07	\$300,000	\$2,084,655	\$2,384,655
FY 07-08	\$300,000	\$2,084,655	\$2,384,655
Maximum Contract Sum by Program	\$900,000	\$6,298,245	

The maximum contract sum for the term of the contract is \$7,198,245 and will be financed by 100% Net County cost.

Term: The term for the above contracts is two (2) years and ten-and-a-half (10 ½) months effective August 16, 2005, or date of execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2008.

Services Provided:

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide additional FS and FP services in specific communities to effect the lowering of out-of-home placements and foster care recidivism. Because of recent trends showing increased child abuse referrals in out-of-home placements, as well as current community data indicating a high percentage of out-of-home placements, additional FS and FP services are needed.

Additional Family Support services are needed to enhance the community services in SPA 2 and SPA 3 that are critical to reducing the risk factors leading to child abuse referrals.

Additional Family Preservation services are needed in specific communities including: Belvedere, North Hollywood, Metro North, Compton, and Lakewood.

Target Population:

The target population are for children and families throughout Los Angeles County. More specifically, the target demographics are as follows:

For FS: The target demographics are for caregivers with inadequate parenting skills to successfully nurture their minor child(ren), families with pregnant and/or parenting teenagers, families, who are referred by DCFS

Hotline and out-stationed staff, where there is an allegation of child abuse and/or neglect that is unfounded but who are in need of services to avoid future DCFS involvement.

For FP: The target demographics are for children who have been victims of sexual abuse when the perpetrator no longer has access to the child(ren), families with crises that threaten the break up of the family unit, families with domestic violence and/or substance abuse issues, families with mental health and/or developmental disability issues; families with children have behavior problems and/or are truant from school, and families with Probation delinquent children who are at risk of out-of home placement.

Contractor

Location(s): Various locations with multiple agencies throughout Los Angeles County.

Summary: At the request of the Board on July 26, 2005, DCFS identified existing funding for further expansion of community-based Family Support (FS) and Family Preservation (FP) programs. DCFS utilized procurement by negotiation through a pre-market survey with identified existing agencies that could provide FS and FP services.

The considerations that led to the selection of Family Support and Family Preservation Contractors included: increasing the number of service providers in the community, increasing resources to existing agencies with strong past performance, and increasing resources to existing agencies serving communities with unique service needs.

This action will ensure additional FS, and FP program will be provided to ensure services for the benefit of children and families throughout Los Angeles County.

Issues: None.

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August 16, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO APPROVE FORM CONTRACTS FOR FAMILY SUPPORT AND FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve use of Form Contracts in substantially similar form to Attachments A and B, for the provision of Family Support (FS) and Family Preservation (FP) services, with the agencies and in the amounts indicated in Attachments C and D, respectively.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to execute the contracts with the FS and FP agencies indicated in Attachments C and D, effective August 16, 2005, or date of execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2008. The maximum contract amounts over the two-year ten-and-a-half month term of the agreements for FS and FP will be \$900,000 and \$6,298,245, respectively. The total cost over the two-year ten-and-a-half month term of the contracts is \$7,198,245 and will be financed using \$7,198,245 (100%) net County cost (NCC). The cost of the contracts for FY 2005-06 is \$2,428,935. Sufficient funding is included in the FY 2005-06 Adopted Budget.
3. Instruct the Director of DCFS to notify your Board and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) in writing within ten (10) working days of executing the FS and FP contracts.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute amendments to increase or decrease the maximum contract amount by no more than 10% of the original maximum contract amount, if necessary, to accommodate an increased or decreased service need provided: (a) sufficient funding is available, (b) County

Counsel and CAO approval is obtained prior to executing the amendment, and (c) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CAO in writing within ten (10) working days of executing the amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide additional FS and FP funding in specific communities to effect the lowering of out-of-home placements and foster care recidivism. Because of recent trends showing increased child abuse referrals in out-of-home placements, as well as current community data indicating a high percentage of out-of-home placements, additional Family Preservation services are needed in specific communities including: Belvedere, North Hollywood, Metro North, Compton, and Lakewood.

Family Support services are needed to enhance the community services in SPA 2 and 3 that are critical to reducing the risk factors leading to child abuse referrals.

This Board letter does not comply with the Board's policy requiring timely submission of contracts to your Board for approval. Late submission is the result of negotiating these contracts with providers.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals 1 (Service Excellence), 3 (Organizational Effectiveness), and 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being). The recommended actions will provide for FS and FP services and collaborate/integrate services for children and families across functional and jurisdictional boundaries.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost of the contracts in FY 2005-06 will be \$300,000 for FS and \$2,128,935 for FP for a total cost of \$2,428,935. These costs will be financed using \$2,428,935 (100%) NCC. Sufficient funding is included in the FY 2005-06 Adopted Budget. These costs will be financed using redirected funds from within the existing administration budget in addition to the Special Programs funds included in the FY 2005-06 Assistance Budget.

The cost of the contracts will be \$2,384,655 for each of the subsequent fiscal years (FY 2006-07 and FY 2007-08) for a total cost of \$7,198,245 over the two-year ten-and-a-half month term and will be financed 100% using NCC.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

At the request of the Board on July 26, 2005, DCFS identified existing funding for further expansion of community-based Family Support (FS) and Family Preservation (FP) programs, and the agencies listed on Attachments C and D were selected to assist in providing community-based services to families in Los Angeles County.

FS and FP services are program services, which are considered by DCFS as Family Maintenance program services since the child remains in the home, but the child and family may require additional services in order to maintain the family unit. Therefore, these program services will be provided by community-based agencies. DCFS has identified that there is a vital need for continuity among the various programs that provide services for children and families, and as a result, has determined that FS and FP programs must be available to meet the needs of the community.

The FY 2005-06 contracts consist of ten-and-a-half (10 ½) months from August 16, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The FY 2006-07 through FY 2007-08 contracts consists of twelve (12) months from July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year.

Each contract specifies that the County has no obligation to pay for services exceeding the total maximum contract sum for each contract. Further, the contractors will not be asked to perform services that will exceed the total maximum contract sum, scope of work, or contract dates.

In the contract, the General Liability Insurance is a lower amount than approved by the Board on June 10, 2003. CAO Risk Management has approved that the amount be decreased to \$2 million aggregate for these particular contracts.

The agencies listed on Attachments C and D are in compliance with all Board, CAO and County Counsel requirements.

Approval of the contracts will ensure additional FS and FP programs will be provided to ensure services throughout Los Angeles County.

This Board letter and the two (2) Form Contracts have been reviewed by County Counsel and the CAO. County Counsel has approved the Form Contracts as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DCFS utilized procurement by negotiation with the agencies listed on Attachments C and D. Through a pre-market survey and review of current and past community-based providers, agencies that could provide FS and FP services were identified.

The considerations that led to the selection of FS and FP Contractors included: increasing the number of service providers in the community, increasing resources to existing agencies with strong past performance, and increasing resources to existing agencies serving communities with unique service needs.

DCFS has determined that the Living Wage Ordinance Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply.

The Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Form was required from all providers. However, since all the funding for FS, and FP services are provided from public governmental entities, or non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, no information on the CBE form must be completed by the organizations.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

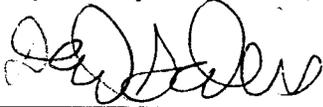
Approval of the Form Contracts for FS and FP and their corresponding budget allocations for two years ten-and-a-half months from FY 2005-06 through FY 2007-08 will ensure FS and FP program services for the protection and safety of children and families in Los Angeles County.

CONCLUSION

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

1. Dept. of Children and Family Services
Contracts Administration
Attn: Walter Chan, Manager
425 Shatto Place, Room 400
Los Angeles, CA 90020
2. Office of the County Counsel
Attn: David Beaudet
Deputy County Counsel
201 Centre Plaza Drive
Ground Floor
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachments (4)

- c: Chief Administrative Office
Commission for Children and Families

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FISCAL YEARS 2005-06 THROUGH 2007-08**

FP AGENCIES	OFFICE BOUNDARIES	10 1/2 MONTHS FY 2005-06	12 MONTHS FY 2006-07	12 MONTHS FY 2007-08	TOTAL 3 FISCAL YEARS
Assistance League of Southern California	North Hollywood	\$101,110	\$57,756	\$57,756	\$216,622
Bienvenidos Children's Center, Inc.	Belvedere	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$210,000
Boys and Girls Club of San Fernando Valley	North Hollywood	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$750,000
California Hospital Medical Center	Metro North	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,050,000
City of Long Beach	Lakewood	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,500,000
Human Services Association	Belvedere	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$210,000
Institute for Maximum Human Potential	Compton	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$450,000
Plaza Community Center	Belvedere	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$210,000
Para Los Ninos	Metro North	\$116,715	\$159,143	\$159,143	\$435,001
Shields for Families	Compton	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,050,000
The University Corporation	North Hollywood	\$101,110	\$57,756	\$57,756	\$216,622
TOTAL		\$2,128,935	\$2,084,655	\$2,084,655	\$6,298,245