

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Family and Social Services

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Acting Chief Executive Officer



DATE: Wednesday, November 25, 2020
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AGENDA

Members of the Public may address agenda item. Three (3) minutes are allowed for each item.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Informational Items:
 - a. **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)/ Department of Mental Health/ Probation Department:** Request to Approve Two Contracts for the Provision of Community Treatment Facility Services.
 - b. **DCFS/ Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect:** Request to Approve a Contract with the Constitutional Rights Foundation for a School-Based Education and Prevention Program:
 - c. **DCFS:** Request to Increase the Contract Amount for HealthRIGHT 360 Prevention and Aftercare Services Contract.
- III. Items continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment



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December 8, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE TWO CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE
COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Mental Health (DMH) and Probation request your Board's approval to execute a contract with Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services (Vista Del Mar), and for DCFS and DMH to execute a contract with Star View Children and Family Services (Star View) for the provision of Community Treatment Facility (CTF) services, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, with an option to extend for two additional one-year periods through December 31, 2025.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Directors of DCFS, DMH, and the Interim Chief Probation Officer, or their designees, to execute contracts in substantially similar form to Attachment A and Attachment B, for the provision of CTF services effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023, with two one-year renewal options through December 31, 2025. The Maximum Annual Contract Sum for Vista Del Mar is \$1,037,880, and the Maximum Annual Contract Sum for Star View is \$1,290,000. The Maximum Annual Contract Sum for both contracts is \$2,327,880, financed using 21.5 percent State revenue passed through DMH directly to DCFS, 64.5 percent Net County Cost (NCC) budgeted through DCFS' Assistance Payments, 4.3 percent NCC remitted by Probation (for Vista Del Mar only), and 9.7 percent in State Realignment funds remitted through DCFS.

2. Delegate authority to the Directors of DCFS, DMH, and the Interim Chief Probation Officer, or their designees, to execute amendments to the contracts for changes to the scope of work

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as necessary to meet program needs, to change the terms and conditions in the contracts, and/or to increase or decrease the amounts of the contracts not to exceed 10 percent of the annual contract sums for changes in the volume of services, provided that: (a) such amendments are consistent with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements, (b) prior approval of County Counsel is obtained, and (c) the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) are notified in writing, within 10 days of executing such amendments.

3. Delegate authority to the Directors of DCFS, DMH, and the Interim Chief Probation Officer, or their designees, to terminate the Agreements described in Recommendation 1 in accordance with the termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience. The Directors of DCFS, DMH, and the Interim Chief Probation Officer, or their designees, will notify the Board and CEO, in writing, of such termination action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The current CTF contracts will expire on December 31, 2020, and new contracts are required in order to continue the provision of CTF services. The recommended actions will enable the County to continue providing CTF services to seriously emotionally disturbed children who are placed in the care and custody of DCFS and Probation Child Welfare (PCW).

Vista Del Mar and Star View are the only facilities licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide CTF services in Los Angeles County. CTF services are needed for the placement of children and youth who require higher levels of service than those provided by Group Home Rate Classification Level (RCL 14) or Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) and are the only secure residential group setting available for children, outside of a psychiatric hospital. CTF residential facilities provide intensive mental health treatment services to children and youth in a setting with the capacity to provide secure containment. The CTF provides the safest, most-structured setting with the highest staff ratios for children and youth with the most severe psychiatric and behavioral problems who are often deemed dangerous to themselves and others. Only children and youth who volunteer or are under conservatorship may be placed in a CTF. Each child/youth in a CTF has a designated treatment team that collaborates with the child and family team to address the trauma and underlying needs of each child/youth. The treatment team discusses and formulates the behavior management and intervention plans to which each child/youth best responds.

Children/youth placed in CTFs have previously experienced psychiatric hospitalizations as a result of behaviors that have been deemed dangerous to themselves and others. Due to CTFs being the highest level of care, the State has indicated that the CTF rate is the same as the STRTP rate.

Vista Del Mar and Star View have both agreed to continue providing CTF services at the current contract rate. DCFS reviewed both agencies' budgets and determined that the statutory rate and supplemental rate are justified.

Implementation of Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal number 1 – Make Investments That Transform Lives. We will aggressively address society's most complicated social, health, and public safety challenges. We want to be a highly responsive organization capable of responding to complex societal challenges – one person at a time.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Annual Contract Sum for both contracts is \$2,327,880, financed using 21.5 percent State revenue passed through DMH directly to DCFS, 64.5 percent Net County Cost (NCC) budgeted through DCFS' Assistance Payments, 4.3 percent NCC remitted by Probation (for Vista Del Mar only), and 9.7 percent in State Realignment funds remitted through DCFS. The estimated Maximum Contract Sum for both contracts is \$6,983,640 for the initial three-year term.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Vista Del Mar and Star View will continue to provide CTF placement services for DCFS, DMH, and PCW children and youth with severe psychiatric and behavioral problems. CTF services are geared towards the care and treatment of seriously emotionally disturbed children and youth, primarily through the dependency and juvenile court system.

Star View and Vista Del Mar are the only two facilities licensed by CDSS to provide these specialized services in the State of California.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The current contracts were procured by negotiation and executed effective January 1, 2014. Subsequent contracts with the two agencies were procured by negotiation and approved by the Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will allow the CTF contractors to continue to provide CTF services without interruption.

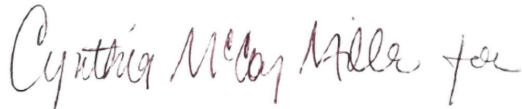
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CONCLUSION

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Bobby D. Cagle" followed by a stylized flourish.

Bobby D. Cagle
Director

Jonathan Sherin, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Department of Mental Health

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Interim Chief Probation Officer
Probation Department

Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION FOR A SCHOOL-BASED EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Inter-Agency on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) requests the Board's approval of a contract with the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) for a School-Based Education and Prevention Program on Family Violence.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or his designee, to execute a contract substantially similar to Attachment A, with the CRF for a three-year term with two one-year options to extend, effective upon execution by the Director of DCFS or his designee. The Maximum Contract Sum will be \$282,000 for the initial term and \$100,000 for each optional extension. The Maximum Contract Sum will be \$482,000, if all options are exercised, financed by 100 percent AB 2994 funds. The Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be notified within 10 days of the execution of the contract.
2. Delegate authority to the DCFS Director, or his designee, in consultation with County Counsel to exercise the County's options to extend the contract by amendment or by written notice provided that sufficient funding is available. The Director or his designee will notify the Board and CEO in writing within 10 working days of execution.
3. Delegate authority to the DCFS Director, or his designee, in consultation with County Counsel to execute amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Contract Sum by 10 percent to

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accommodate any unanticipated increase or decrease to units of service. Approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to executing such amendments, and the Director or his designee will notify the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days after execution.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to amend for programmatic changes to the Statement of Work, Terms and Conditions and any of its Exhibits. Approval from County Counsel will be obtained prior to amending programmatic changes; and the Director or his designee will notify the Board and the CEO in writing, within 10 working days of execution.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to terminate the contract for convenience or default. Approval of County Counsel will be obtained prior to terminating the contract, and the Director or his designee will notify the Board and the CEO in writing within 10 business days after contract termination.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Children and adolescents in the United States are exposed to violence at alarming rates. The National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence, a combined effort of the United States Department of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to collect data on the rates of exposure to violence, crime and abuse among youth, reported that nearly 60 percent of youth surveyed have experienced at least one of the following exposures: assault and bullying, sexual victimization, maltreatment by a caregiver, property victimization, or witnessing victimization.

The CRF is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works with social studies teachers in Los Angeles and around the nation. CRF and its partners have developed and are currently implementing an educational curriculum for high school students that addresses domestic violence through the lens of the legal system in order to teach students how to critically evaluate laws and public policies related to domestic violence. (Please see Attachment B – AB 2994 Funding Proposal: Putting an End to Family Violence through School-Based Education in Los Angeles County).

The proposed educational services were developed by CRF through comprehensive discussions over several years with members of the District Attorney's Family Violence Division; members of Jenesse Center, Inc., a non-profit



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organization with experience in implementing domestic violence intervention programs for high schools in the Watts community; and healthcare professionals at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. CRF's goal is to educate middle and high school students on child abuse and domestic violence to promote healthy relationships, prevention and youth resilience. To impact a significant portion of students, CRF plans to align the curriculum materials to the topics and state-mandated standards already being taught. As teachers are under tremendous pressure to prepare students for national testing and to adhere to standards-aligned curricula, CRF will make linkages to these mandated courses and integrate the lessons on domestic violence into these classes. Their long-term goal is for this curriculum to become a standardized component of middle through high school education in Los Angeles County.

The Contract will expand the use of the social studies curriculum for high school students within Los Angeles County through the recruitment and training of at least 75 teachers, with the goal of reaching approximately 2,250 students. The expanded curriculum will also provide the opportunity for students to identify an issue related to domestic violence that matters to them, take civic action and present it at the Civic Action Project, a showcase event in which students present their projects and interact with policymakers, community leaders and other stakeholders. The goal is to have students look at the issue of domestic violence through the lens of sociology, law and policy, and then work on a project which will provide them the opportunity to make a difference by gaining understanding and empathy to make change. CRF will also develop a new science curriculum for middle and high school students. Students will examine the impact of domestic violence and child abuse on the developing brain and body. The plan is to recruit and train 66 teachers on the science curriculum. To ensure cultural sensitivity, CRF will add the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) community to case scenarios and discussions.

CRF will use teacher and student surveys to gauge the success and impact of the program, as well as recruit teachers who are not using the curriculum in order to conduct pre- and post-surveys with their students as a comparison group.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal I: Make Investments That Transform Lives; Strategy I.1: Increase our Focus on Preventive Initiatives; Goal II. Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, and Strategy II.2: Support the Wellness of our Communities.



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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Contract Sum for the three-year contract term will be \$282,000, and \$100,000 for each of the two one-year options to extend, funded by AB 2994 funds with no County cost. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Adopted Budget. Funding will be requested in future proposed budget requests for the remaining contract term.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1982, the Governor of California signed two bills into law, aimed at preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The first bill, Assembly Bill (AB)1733/Papan (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982), authorized the allocation of state funding to counties for child abuse prevention and intervention services offered by public and private, non-profit agencies.

The second law, AB 2994/Imbrecht (Chapter 1399, Statutes of 1982), established a County Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private, nonprofit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate be paid to a County Children's Trust Fund.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 18967 directs the designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council in each County to develop and recommend funding priorities for the Children's Trust Fund to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, ICAN is the designated child abuse council.

CONTRACT PROCESS

ICAN engaged in a very comprehensive process to review and evaluate the proposal for this program. ICAN formed a special ad hoc group comprised of members of numerous County agencies including the Department of Children and Family Services, District Attorney, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Mental Health and the Internal Services Department, as well as the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. During the extensive discussions, suggestions to clarify and improve the proposal were made. CRF re-worked their proposal to address these issues, including ensuring that the connection to the goals of AB 2994 were better delineated and that concerns about student well-being were addressed. The LGBTQ+ community was incorporated in scenarios and discussions, as well as guidelines for teachers regarding cultural sensitivity. Additionally, ad hoc participants completed a uniform scoring document which was reviewed by ICAN and confirmed the group's endorsement of the program for funding.



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As the designated child abuse council in Los Angeles County, ICAN is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors of child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private non-profit organizations or public institutions to receive funding through AB 2994. The DCFS Contracts Administration Division is responsible for administering the contracts between the County and the private, non-profit community-based agencies providing specialized services funded by the County's Children's Trust Fund.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The development and provision of curricula that address family violence, provides students education to recognize the risk of child abuse and domestic violence, and gives them the opportunity to develop prevention strategies while promoting healthy relationships, and resiliency will improve child safety and increase child and family well-being.

The development of skills to advocate on behalf of vulnerable youth and develop strategies to aid in the decrease in violence provides these students with opportunities that would not be addressed elsewhere. Additionally, by providing this education in multiple spheres and across age groups, the hope is that the focus on these core concepts will promote change in students' attitudes towards violence that can be sustained over time.

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:

County of Los Angeles
Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect
Attention: Deanne Tilton Durfee
4024 N. Durfee Avenue
El Monte, CA 91732

Department of Children and Family Services
Contract Administration Division
Attention: Leticia Torres-Ibarra, Division Manager
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Deanne Tilton Durfee, Doc.hc
Executive Director
Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect

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Attachments

- c: Sheriff Alex Villaneuva, ICAN Co-Chairperson
- District Attorney Jackie Lacey, ICAN Co-Chairperson
- Fesia Davenport, Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Bobby D. Cagle, Director, DCFS
- Children's Board Deputies
- Mary Wickham, County Counsel
- Celia Zavala, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors





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County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR HEALTHRIGHT 360 PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE SERVICES CONTRACT (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests your Board's approval to increase the contract amount for HealthRIGHT 360 Prevention and Aftercare Services (P&A) contract.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute a contract amendment substantially similar to Attachment A, to increase the contract amount for HealthRIGHT 360's P&A contract by \$34,051, effective January 1, 2021 through the end of the contract term on February 28, 2021. The additional funding is financed using 100 percent Measure H funds and will increase HealthRIGHT 360's contract amount to \$338,251. Sufficient funding for this contract increase is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Adopted Budget.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute P&A contract amendments to incorporate changes as mandated by Federal, State and County, provided funding is available. Approval of County Counsel will be obtained prior to the execution of such amendments, and DCFS will notify the Board, in writing, within 10 business days of execution of the amendments.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to exercise the County's

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options to extend the P&A contracts by written notice; to negotiate and execute amendments to the contracts for the reallocation of funds among the contracts, including unspent funds, to meet unanticipated demands; or to increase or decrease the maximum annual contract amount up to 10 percent when such a change is necessitated by additional and necessary services, provided funding is available. Approval of County Counsel will be obtained prior to executing of such amendments, and DCFS will notify the Board, in writing, within 10 business days of execution of the amendments.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to terminate P&A contracts for contractor default, or for convenience. DCFS will notify the Board in writing, of such termination action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

P&A is a community-based prevention program designed to strengthen families' resilience and nurture the development of healthy behaviors to prevent and stop child abuse and maltreatment.

This funding increase will pilot the expansion of P&A's Emergency Basic Support Services (EBSS) to assist families who are referred to DCFS, but do not have an open DCFS case and are experiencing housing instability. Contractors shall provide up to \$5,000 per family to assist with rent, rent deposits, food, utilities and other items in order to prevent homelessness. These services are in alignment with the P&A program which aims to promote healthier communities, stronger families and thriving children.

Implementation of Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goals

These actions support Goal 1 of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Strategy I.1, Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives, Objective I.1.1., Promote Supportive Parenting: Increase the number of vulnerable children and families touched by the County referred to the community-based network of Prevention/Aftercare providers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The funding increase of \$34,051 is allocated by DCFS using 100 percent Measure H funds. Sufficient funding for this increase is included in the Department's FY 2020-2021 Adopted Budget. With this increase, HealthRIGHT 360's contract amount will be \$338,251.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 7, 2020, the Board approved a previous funding increase for HealthRIGHT 360 above 10 percent of their maximum annual contract amount. On September 15, 2020,

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the Board approved the use of Measure H funds for the P&A program, as part of the Homeless Prevention Programs for Families strategy. HealthRIGHT 360 was allocated \$34,051 of Measure H funding, which is above the DCFS Director's delegated authority to increase or decrease the annual maximum contract amount by no more than 10 percent. Thus, the Board's approval is required.

In compliance with revised Board Policy 5.120, Sole Source Contracts, DCFS notified the Board on November 16, 2020, of its intent to increase HealthRIGHT 360's P&A contract by more than the 10 percent of the contract amount effective January 1, 2021.

Attachment A, Amendment, has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The recommended actions will allow for support of P&A's Emergency Basic Support Services in assisting families who are experiencing housing instability.

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 the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,



for

BOBBY D. CAGLE
Director

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Attachment

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