

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Family and Social Services

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer



DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
TIME: 1:30 PM

DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, MEETING PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NEED TO CALL IN TO PARTICIPATE:

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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. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **Department of Military and Veterans Affairs:** Request Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Various Sections of the Los Angeles County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.60- Veterans Advisory Commission.
 - b. **Department of Children and Family Services:** Recommendation to Award Contracts to Provide Prevention and Aftercare Services
- 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



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
1816 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles California 90015



Ruth A Wong
Director

February 23, 2021

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

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE INTRODUCTION AND SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION AN
ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3.60 – VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION –
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA CODE OF ORDINANCES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will introduce and schedule for adoption an ordinance to amend various sections of the Los Angeles County, CA Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.60 - Veterans Advisory Commission, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Introduce and waive reading of the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 3.60, Veterans Advisory Commission, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, CA Code of Ordinances to:
 - a. remove the word “**war**” on **Section 020 – Members**;
 - b. remove the word “**Vietnam**” on **Section 090 (B) - Duties**;
 - c. remove the word “**National Guard**” and replace it with “**Armed Forces**” on **Section 090 (D) – Duties**.
2. Place on the Board of Supervisors’ agenda for adoption on January 26, 2021 an ordinance to amend Chapter 3.60, Veterans Advisory Commission, DMVA, CA Code of Ordinances that implements the above recommendation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Veterans Advisory Commission shall consist of 10 members appointed by the board. Persons appointed shall have been veterans.

The commission shall:

- a. Consult with and advise the department of military and veterans' affairs in matter concerning veterans within the county;
- b. Study, advise, and recommend to the Board on special problem areas relating to veterans within the county;
- c. Serve as a means of communication for veterans within the county;
- d. Act as liaison with the Armed Forces interest of improving and enhancing relationships and coordinating community activities.

This will allow the Board of Supervisors to appoint a veteran without those restrictions. In the event of a vacancy on the commission, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board with a U.S. Armed Forces veteran.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Goal 3: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today: Be an innovative, flexible, effective, and transparent partner focused on public service and advancing the common good by engaging and sharing information with our customers, communities, and partners.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on net county cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that the Board approve the following proposed Ordinance changes:

1. Amend Los Angeles County, CA Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.60 – Veterans Advisory Commission, subdivisions:
 - a. remove the word “war” on **Section 020 – Members;**
 - b. remove the word “Vietnam” on **Section 090 (B) - Duties;**

- c. remove the word “**National Guard**” and replace it with “**Armed Forces**” on **Section 090 (D) – Duties.**

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the proposed changes will improve Los Angeles County’s efforts to enhance current services and ensure the continuation of the Department's matters concerning veterans.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Officer is requested to return one adopted stamped Board letter as soon as possible to:

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Attention: Ruth A. Wong, Director
1816 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH A. WONG
Director

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- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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January 26, 2021

General Ruth Wong, Director
Military and Veterans Affairs
Bob Hope Patriotic Hall
1816 South Figueroa Street,
Los Angeles, California 90015

**Re: Ordinance Amending Title 3-Advisory Commissions and
Committees of the Los Angeles County Code**

Dear Ms. Wong:


Attached please find the analysis and the ordinance amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code by amending Section 3.60 to clarify the membership of the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission ("Commission") shall not be limited to "war" veterans, and shall be open to all veterans of the Armed Forces. It also clarifies that the Commission's duties are to make recommendations on special problems for all veterans by removing the word "Vietnam" and to act as a liaison with all of the Armed Forces. This ordinance may be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration.

Very truly yours,

RODRIGO A. CASTRO-SILVA
County Counsel

By 
LAWRENCE GREEN
Senior Deputy County Counsel
Social Services Division

APPROVED AND RELEASED:


DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting Chief Deputy
Executive Office


LG:dt

Attachment
HOA.103114903.1

ANALYSIS

This Ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, by amending Section 3.60 to clarify the membership of the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission ("Commission") shall not be limited to "war" veterans, and shall be open to all veterans of to the Armed Forces. It also clarifies that the Commission's duties are to make recommendations on special problems for all veterans by removing the word "Vietnam", and to act as a liaison with all of the Armed Forces.

RODRIGO A. CASTRO-SILVA
County Counsel

By 
LAWRENCE GREEN
Senior Deputy County Counsel
Social Services Division

Requested: 12/21/2020

Revised: 01/04/2021

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3.60.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.60.020 Members.

The ~~e~~Commission shall consist of 10 members appointed by the ~~b~~Board.

Persons appointed shall have been ~~war~~ veterans.

SECTION 2. Section 3.60.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.60.090 Duties.

The ~~e~~Commission shall:

A. Consult with and advise the ~~d~~Department of ~~m~~Military and ~~v~~Veterans' ~~a~~Affairs in matters concerning veterans within the ~~e~~County;

B. Study, advise and recommend to the ~~b~~Board on special problem areas relating to ~~Vietnam~~ veterans within the ~~e~~County;

C. Serve as a means of communication for veterans within the ~~e~~County.

D. Act as liaison with the ~~National Guard~~ Armed Forces in the interest of improving and enhancing relationships and coordinating community activities.

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**County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

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February 16, 2021

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

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE
PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests your Board's approval to award new Prevention and Aftercare Services (P&A) contracts under the Federal Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute P&A contracts substantially similar to Attachment A, with the agencies and amounts indicated in Attachment B, to provide P&A services for an initial 16-month term starting March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with the option to extend for three additional one-year periods and one 6-month period, from July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025, at the County's sole discretion. The estimated aggregate maximum contract amount is \$58,215,548, financed by 38 percent Mental Health Services Act – Prevention and Early Intervention (MHSA – PEI), 18 percent AB 2994 Special Fund, 17 percent federal revenue, 24 percent net County cost, and 3 percent state revenue. Sufficient funding for these contracts is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Adopted Budget.

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2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute two new P&A contracts substantially similar to Attachment A in Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 1 and 4 once the results from the County Independent Review are received by DCFS. The County Independent Review is currently in progress with an expected completion date the week of March 1, 2021. The current contracts in these two SPAs have been extended through March 31, 2021, to prevent a break in service. The approval of County Counsel will be obtained prior to executing new contracts in SPAs 1 and 4, and DCFS will notify the Board and Chief Executive Office (CEO) in writing within 10 business days after execution.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to exercise the County's 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.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to terminate P&A contracts for contractor default.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to negotiate and execute amendments to the P&A contracts for any mergers, acquisitions, or changes in ownership; for any revisions required by changes in local, state, and federal regulations; or for necessary changes to meet the needs of the County's P&A program.

The approval of County Counsel will be obtained for any of the situations under recommendations three through five prior to executing any amendments, and DCFS will notify the Board and CEO in writing within 10 business days after execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

P&A is designed to prevent child abuse and neglect by engaging a greater number of families with supports available in their communities without having to bring these families into the child welfare system. P&A builds on three key themes: decreasing social isolation, enhancing economic well-being and self-sufficiency, and increasing access to existing supports and activities.

DCFS has administered the P&A services contracts for over two decades as part of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families federal program, under the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 93-556. During the previous P&A solicitation initiated in the year 2013, best practices from the Family Support Services Program and lessons learned from the Prevention Initiative Demonstration Project were merged into what today is

known as the Prevention & Aftercare Services Program. This integrated program has been in effect since January 1, 2015, to the present.

The recommended actions will allow DCFS to continue to provide the P&A program without a lapse in services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Make Investments That Transform Lives, by aggressively addressing society's most complicated social, health, and public safety challenges; Strategy I.1 - Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives: Implement evidence-based practices to increase residents' self-sufficiency, prevent long-term reliance on the County's social safety net and prevent involvement with the County's foster, juvenile justice, and adult justice systems.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated aggregate maximum contract amount is \$58,215,548 (see Attachment B). The maximum annual contract amount is \$12,000,000, financed by 38 percent Mental Health Services Act – Prevention and Early Intervention (MHSA – PEI), 18 percent AB2994 Special Fund, 17 percent federal revenue, 24 percent net County cost, and 3 percent state revenue, which is included in the Department's FY 2020-21 budget.

In addition, the maximum annual contract amount for the contract period of March 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, is increased by an additional one-time amount of \$891,667, financed by the Office of Child Protection (\$600,000) and Measure H funds (\$291,667).

Funding for the P&A contracts is included in the FY 2020-2021 Adopted Budget and will be included in the Department's budget requests for subsequent years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The current P&A contracts were awarded on November 18, 2014, with an initial three-year contract period which began on January 1, 2015, and two optional one-year periods through December 31, 2019. On December 3, 2019, the Board approved an additional one-year extension with an optional six-month period to conclude the solicitation to award new contracts. On September 19, 2018, the California Department of Social Services granted DCFS the authority to enter into a new five-year contract. This allowed DCFS to begin the solicitation process in 2019.

One P&A contract will be awarded for each of the eight SPAs and two countywide funded agencies will provide services for the Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native, for a total of ten contracts, as listed in Attachment B.

DCFS has determined that the Living Wage Program, Proposition A, and Cost of Living Adjustment are not applicable to these contracts.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel and the CEO. County Counsel has approved the Contract (Attachment A) as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The recommended contracts are the result of a Request for Proposals (RFP) released by DCFS on July 8, 2019. The RFP was posted on the County Open Solicitation and DCFS Open Solicitation websites. In addition, the contracting opportunity was advertised in eight local newspapers, covering all areas of Los Angeles County. There was one Solicitation Requirements Review received. DCFS held a Proposers' Conference on July 22, 2019. DCFS received a total of 45 proposals from 31 agencies. All 10 of the current P&A contractors submitted proposals.

Each proposal was reviewed for responsiveness and compliance with the minimum requirements stated in the RFP. Two proposals were disqualified for not meeting the minimum requirements and a Disqualification Notice along with a Transmittal to Request for a Disqualification Review was sent to the proposer on October 8, 2019; DCFS did not receive a Request for a Disqualification Review. On November 4, 2019, DCFS received a notice from an agency that requested to withdraw their proposal.

Proposals were evaluated and scored by a panel of three evaluators who attended a mandatory orientation given by the DCFS Contracts Administration Division and the P&A program manager. Informed averaging meetings were held to discuss the basis for scores given to each proposal. Proposals were ranked based on aggregated scores for the following areas: Background and Experience, Approach, Quality Assurance, and Cost. Ultimately, ten proposals were recommended for a contract award. DCFS sent out the tentative selected and non-selected letters on June 19, 2020, and 17 out of the 32 non-selected agencies requested a debriefing. Following the debriefing meetings, three non-selected proposers requested a Proposed Contractor Selection Review and two subsequently requested a County Independent Review (CIR). The Internal Services Department, in charge of conducting CIRs, found no merit to the CIRs submitted in SPAs 3 and 5.

One of the three PCSR results revealed the agency had merit due to an incorrect calculation in the Financial Viability Evaluation (FVE). The FVE scores were re-reviewed and reconciled which resulted in a change of ranking in SPA 1 and SPA 4. DCFS sent

out the revised tentative selected and non-selected letters for SPA 1 and SPA 4 on November 25, 2020. The two new non-selected agencies each participated in a debriefing meeting and submitted a Proposed Contractor Selection Review and a CIR which is expected to be completed the first week of March 2021.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The award of the new contracts for P&A will allow the County to help facilitate improved family outcomes and improve child safety in their homes without a break in service.

These contracts will not infringe on the role of the County in relation to its residents and 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 the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,



BOBBY D. CAGLE
Director

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Enclosures (2)

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