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December 01, 2026

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:

REQUEST TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY SERVICES CONTRACT (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) request the Board's approval of a Sole Source amendment to the Community Treatment Facility (CTF) contract with Star View Children and Family Services to modify language in the contract to include mutual termination language.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Directors of DCFS and DMH, or their designees, to execute an amendment, substantially similar to Attachment I, to its contract with Star View to modify language in the CTF contract to include mutual termination language.
2. Delegate authority to the Directors of DCFS and DMH, or their designees, to terminate the contract in accordance with termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience by either the County or the Contractor, provided that: a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to exercising such termination, and b) the Directors of DCFS and DMH notify the Board and Chief Executive Office, in writing, within ten (10) business days of such termination.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The CTF contractor, Star View, requested that their contract be amended to add language that allows Star View to terminate the contract at any time in case the rate that is being offered by the County is not sustainable for providing services for services rendered to DCFS children and youth.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support North Star 1, Focus Area Goal A, Healthy Individuals and Families, Strategy III, Behavioral, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Contract Sum for Star View, including the two one-year options, will be $6,750,000, financed using 21 percent DMH State funds, 9 percent of 2011 State Realignment funds, and 70 percent Net County Costs. DMH State funds for both contracts should not exceed $500,000 annually. The current contract term is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, and there are no changes to the budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Star View provides CTF placement services for DCFS and DMH 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 is one of two CTFs in California certified by the California Department of Health Care Services and licensed by California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Department to provide this level of care.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the amendment will allow the Contractor to provide sufficient notice to the County of its intent to terminate the contract in case the rate that is being offered by the County is not sustainable for providing services. In turn, DCFS can proactively work with its other CTF contractors to transfer any cases and continue providing 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.

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 DCFS and DMH.

Respectfully submitted,

LISA E. MANDEL
Interim Director

LISA H. WONG, Psy.D.
Director

LEM:LW:JF:RT:KRLTl:SS:TN:sb

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Department of Mental Health
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor

Attachment I

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE

COMMUNITY

TREATMENT FACILITY

CONTRACT NUMBER

24-0065 WITH

STAR VIEW CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE
COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY
CONTRACT NUMBER 24-0065

This Amendment Number One ("Amendment") to the Community Treatment Facility contract between the County of Los Angeles ("County"), and Star View Children and Family Services ("Contractor"), is made on this _____ day of _____,2026.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor are parties to the Contract adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2025, and Contractor has been providing Community Treatment Facility services to students and parents about the long lasting trauma that can result from child abuse and domestic violence and to work toward ending the cycle of violence to the County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Amendment is to modify the language in the contract to include mutual termination by the County and Contractor and;

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 8.1, Amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual consent herein contained, County and Contractor hereby agree to amend the Contract as follows:

1. **Section 8.42, Termination for Convenience, Subsections 8.42.4 to 8.42.6 are added to read as follows:**

   8.42.4 This Contract may be terminated when such action is deemed by Contractor to be in its best interest. Termination of this Contract shall be effective by the delivery to County of written Notice of Termination pursuant to Section 9.0. Notices, specifying the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ninety (90) Days after the notice is sent, unless County notifies the Contractor, pursuant to, Section 8.34, Notices, that the termination will be effective in thirty (30) Days. In the event of a breach by County under this Contract, Contractor shall have all remedies available at law, subject to the terms of Section 8.31, Notices of Disputes.

   8.42.5 Contractor shall submit to County in the form and with the certification as may be prescribed by County, its termination claim and invoice. Such claim and invoice shall be submitted promptly. County will not accept any such invoice submitted later than three (3) months from the effective date of termination. Upon failure of Contractor to submit its termination claim and invoice within time allowed, County may determine, on the basis of information available to County, The amount, if any, due to Contractor in respect to the termination, and such determination shall be final. After such determination is made, County shall pay Contractor the amount so determined as full and complete satisfaction of all amounts due Contractor under this Contract for any terminated Services, provided that such amounts may be offset against any amounts County claims are due from Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

   8.42.6 After receipt of a notice of termination, County will provide for the continued placement of removal of Placed Children in a fashion that is consistent with the best interest of children.

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

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COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY
CONTRACT NUMBER 24-0065

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number One to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Director of the Department of Mental Health and the Contractor has caused this Amendment Number One 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

By: _____
Lisa E. Mandel, Interim Director
Department of Children
and Family Services

By: _____
Lisa Wong, Psy. D., Director
Department of Mental Health

CONTRACTOR
Star View Children and Family Services

By: Kent Dunlap Date: Sept. 25, 2026

Name: Kent Dunlap

Title: Executive Director

94-3238299
Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
Dawyn R. Harrison, County Counsel

By: _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY 5.100
SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Department Name: Department of Children and Family Services

☐ New Sole Source Contract

☑ New Sole Source Contract for Replacement of Existing Services, or Amendments for Extension of Contracts for Existing Services
Date Existing Contract First Approved: 12/24/25

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND CONTRACTS **Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.**
✓	➢ Only one single source for the service exists.
	➢ Compliance with applicable statutory and/or regulatory provisions.
	➢ Compliance with State and/or federal programmatic requirements.
	➢ Services provided by other public or County-related entities.
	➢ Services are needed to address an emergent or related time-sensitive need.
	➢ The service provider(s) is required under the provisions of a grant or regulatory requirement.
	➢ Services are needed during the time period required to complete a solicitation for replacement services; provided services are needed for no more than 12 months from the expiration of an existing contract which has no available option periods.
	➢ Maintenance and support services are needed for an existing solution/system during the time to complete a solicitation for a new replacement solution/system; provided the services are needed for no more than 24 months from the expiration of an existing maintenance and support contract which has no available option periods.
	➢ Maintenance services and/or support services agreements are required on equipment and/or software, which must be serviced by the original manufacturer, software provider, or an authorized service representative.
	➢ It is in the best economic interest of the County (e.g., significant costs and time to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost and time savings and excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc.). In such cases, departments must demonstrate due diligence in qualifying the cost-savings or cost-avoidance associated with the best economic interest of the County.

Approved by:

Michael J. Martinez Digitally signed by Michael J. Martinez
Date: 2026.11.09 17:46:51 -08'00'

Chief Executive Office

Date

Revised December 2025