



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: April 9, 2014
Board Meeting Date: May 20, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Second Amendment with Pyramid Alternatives

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Pyramid Alternatives to provide supervised visitation services, extending the term through June 30, 2015, increasing the amount by \$115,050 to \$421,850.

BACKGROUND:

Supervised visitation allows family members to maintain contact with children subject to the court's jurisdiction while providing some degree of protection for the children and youth. Supervised visitation programs permit a third person to monitor the visits so that the interaction is healthy and the child is safe from further abuse or coercion by the visiting relative. Visitation monitors are expected to watch the entire visit, to intervene if necessary, and to give written feedback about the visits to the social worker who made the referral.

On October 23, 2012, this Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution # 072226 allowing the Human Services Agency (HSA) to enter into an Agreement with Pyramid Alternatives (PA) for supervised visitation.

On September 17, 2013, this Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution # 072816, an Amendment to extend the term of the Agreement to September 30, 2014 and add funds for the FY 2013-14 and part of FY 2014-15 to continue supervised visitation.

DISCUSSION:

This Second Amendment to the Agreement is adding funds for the remaining nine months of the FY 2014-15 and extending the term of the Agreement for nine months for PA to continue supervised visitation services to children who are dependents of the Juvenile Court and their parents, siblings, grandparents, guardians, and other relatives. PA will work as monitors and provide a safe place for visitation, will work with families to

monitor interaction and intervene when necessary, and will report to the Children and Family Services (CFS) social worker working with the family. This extension will allow HSA to complete a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for future years.

The Director of the Human Services Agency or the Director's Designee is authorized to execute contract Amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The Contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda including, but not limited to, insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination, and equal benefits. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Second Amendment and Resolution as to form and the Contractor meets the insurance certification.

Approval of this Amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by ensuring children who have been removed from their homes have safe and meaningful visits with parents and other relatives, with the ultimate goal of family reunification. It is anticipated that 1,300 visits will be scheduled and 99% of the families receiving visitation services will reunify.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Projected	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percent of families that are reunified after receiving services from Pyramid Alternatives	98%	99%

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement by nine months, from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. The amended amount is \$115,050 for a new total of \$421,850. Of the amended amount, \$80,535 (70%) is funded through State Realignment and Federal Funds and \$34,515 (30%) is Net County Cost. Funds will be included in the FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. There has been no change in the cost of services.