



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Human Services Agency



**Date:** February 4, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** February 26, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Beverly Beasley Johnson, JD, Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** Second Amendment to the Agreement with El Centro de Libertad

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with El Centro de Libertad to continue providing court-ordered alcohol/drug testing and alcohol and other drug assessments, increasing the amount by \$50,000 to \$200,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 8, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #070836 authorizing El Centro de Libertad to provide court-ordered drug testing services for Children and Family Services (CFS) and authorizing the Director of the Human Services Agency 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 of services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions. El Centro de Libertad has been providing court-ordered drug testing services for Children and Family Services (CFS) for several years. El Centro de Libertad also provides Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) assessment services at their South County facility. They provide these services on a schedule that is flexible and convenient to the families. The staff is well-trained and experienced to work with the population we serve.

On April 25, 2011, the Human Services Agency Director approved an Amendment to add AOD assessment services. AOD assessments had previously been conducted by San Mateo County Behavioral Health Recovery Services (BHRS), however, due to budget cuts and restructuring within BHRS, they are unable to continue providing this service for CFS.

The 2011 Amendment allowed El Centro de Libertad to conduct Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) assessment services, in addition to drug testing and outpatient treatment services already provided for CFS clients. The funding and term of this contract

remained unchanged. It was expected that the current funding level would be sufficient to cover all service costs.

**DISCUSSION:**

This Second Amendment adds funds to the Agreement in the amount of \$50,000 bringing the total Agreement to \$200,000 to pay for outstanding invoices and to continue services until the end of the Agreement term, June 30, 2013. For the last twelve months, CFS saw a 33% increase in referrals and 15% increase in the continuing service cases. The Human Services Agency will be conducting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for FY 2013-14 services.

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 requirement.

Approval of this Second Amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing alcohol and drug testing screens for parents of children that are in the Child Welfare System to keep families healthy and safe. It is anticipated that 80% of clients who were randomly tested will remain clean and sober for 18 months and the children will not re-enter the system.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2012-13 Projected	FY 2013-14 Projected
Percent of clients needing random testing will remain clean and sober for 18 months	80%*	N/A
Percent of parents with substance abuse issues will be able to reunify with their children within 12 months	60%*	N/A

Drug testing is a tool which helps Social Workers continuously assess parents' protective capacity about safely caring for their children and elicit use of substances which could pose safety and risk issues to the children.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this Second Amendment to the Agreement remains the same, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. The amended amount is \$50,000, of which 70% or \$35,000 is funded through State Realignment and Federal funding and 30% or \$15,000 is Net County Cost. This appropriation has been included in the FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget.