



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



**Date:** June 7, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 9, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Beverly Beasley Johnson, JD, Director, Human Services Agency  
**Subject:** Amendment to an Agreement with San Mateo County Office of Education

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to an agreement with the San Mateo County Office of Education for the provision of educational services for children in the shelter/foster care system, increasing the amount by \$101,970 to \$305,910.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 7, 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 072496 in the amount of \$203,940, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, with SMCOE to provide an Educational Liaison for case management services to children in shelter/foster care system. The SMCOE Educational Liaison continues to serve children in shelter/foster care to obtain educational histories, assist with school placements, provide case management services, and provide and maintain data on the academic progress and services to County shelter/foster care students. The California Department of Education does not provide sufficient funding to ensure all eligible youth are served therefore, the Human Services Agency (HSA) provides funding support for the program. Offering these services contributes to greater educational stability for shelter/foster care youth, and better educational outcomes.

**DISCUSSION:**

This amendment is to add funding for FY 2013-14 only in the amount of \$101,970.00. Due to increased caseloads under the current contract, there is a need to add one more educational liaison to provide case management services for shelter/foster care youth which includes placing them in an appropriate school setting, obtaining educational histories, referring students for educational assessment and providing advocacy and support for youth as needed during the expulsion hearings. For FY 2014-15, HSA will review and negotiate with SMCOE for an additional liaison for the second year. 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 this amendment and Resolution as to form and SMCOE meets insurance certification requirements.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by helping youth in shelter homes avoid loss of valuable school credits, and be placed in appropriate school programs. The amendment further contributes to educational stability for youth by ensuring educational advocates are available to support youth in navigating different school districts. It is anticipated that 100% of the foster youth will avoid getting expelled from the school and 90% of the foster youth will remain in the origin of their school.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2012-13 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2013-15 Projected</b>
Percent of foster youth expulsion rate is disproportionately high	100%	100%
Percent of foster youth remaining in the origin of their school	80%	90%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the amendment remains the same, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. This amendment adds \$101,970 for a total obligation of \$305,910. The amended amount of \$101,970 is funded by 34% Federal (\$34,670), 33% State (\$33,650) and 33% Net County Cost (\$33,650). This appropriation will be included in the FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget.