



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: October 21, 2015
Board Meeting Date: December 15, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Second Amendment to the Agreement with StarVista for Differential Response Case Management Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with StarVista for Differential Response Case Management Services in the South and Central Region, extending the term through June 30, 2017, and increasing the amount by \$1,260,308 to an amount not to exceed \$3,723,608.

BACKGROUND:

On February 12, 2013, your Board approved an agreement with StarVista for Differential Response Case Management Services (DR). DR is a county-wide evidence-based early intervention strategy designed to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Child Welfare. DR offers two paths for ensuring child safety. Path 1 or Community Partner Response, is utilized when the allegations of abuse or neglect indicate a low risk of harm to a child and a Child Welfare response is not required. Path 2 or Joint Response, is selected when it is determined that there is low to moderate risk of harm to the child but the family could benefit from engaging in community services.

On March 4, 2014, the Human Services Agency (HSA) approved an amendment through resolution #072915 to add a Cost of Living Adjustment.

DISCUSSION:

HSA is requesting to enter into a second amendment with StarVista to extend the term of the agreement and add funds. This will allow for a full year evaluation of the program to better determine outcomes, re-evaluate the priority populations for DR, and to evaluate the possibility for DR to fill other existing gaps in our Child Welfare System.

On September 23, 2015, the Contract Compliance Committee approved a 3-Year Waiver Request to allow program services to be evaluated. It is anticipated that a request for proposals will be issued in early 2017.

The resolution contains the standard provision allowing an amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate) without Board approval.

The amendment and resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Approval of this amendment to the agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing safe and supportive homes and neighborhoods for children in San Mateo County through the DR early intervention strategy. Services under the agreement will minimize the number of substantiated re-referrals to Children and Family Services concerning child safety for approximately 900 families. It is anticipated that 95% of children will be without a substantiated re-referral through the provision of these services. Additionally, referral-based services will be offered to families to establish greater connections within their communities with the goal of preventing further child abuse.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Projected	FY 2016-17 Projected
The percentage of children without a substantiated re-referral to Children and Family Services concerning child safety.	95%/900 families	95%/900 families

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this amendment to the agreement is extended by eighteen (18) months, from January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017. The amount is being increased by \$1,260,308 for a total obligation of \$3,723,608. Of the increase, it is anticipated that 80% (\$1,008,246) will be funded by Child Welfare System Outcome Improvement Projects (CWSOIP), via State Realignment and 20% (\$252,062) is net county cost. The \$3,723,608 has been included in the FY 2013-17 Adopted Budgets.