



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



**DATE:** June 1, 2012  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** June 19, 2012  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Beverly Beasley Johnson, J.D., Director, Human Services Agency  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the Agreement with StarVista

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with StarVista for the continuation of Differential Response (DR) Case Management Services, extending the term by six (6) months, July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012 and increasing the amount by \$237,475 to \$712,425. There is no Net County Cost.

**BACKGROUND**

DR is a county-wide evidence-based early intervention strategy designed to improve outcomes for children and families. DR offers multiple 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 August 9, 2011, The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 071579 for the provision of DR services to the Central and Southern Regions of San Mateo County using an evidence-based home visiting model to establish strength-based working relationship with families.

**DISCUSSION**

The Amendment to the Agreement with StarVista will allow the Human Services Agency (HSA) to continue providing DR services to the Central and Southern Regions of San Mateo County for the next six months while conducting a Request for Proposals for services beginning in January 2013. Furthermore, the Amendment will allow the new the Children and Family Services Director time to fully understand the scope of work and to review services needed as the Agency navigates the current fiscal environment.

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 Agreement and Resolution as to form and StarVista meets insurance certification requirements.

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 Differential Response early intervention strategy. It is expected that these services will result in a 94% absence of maltreatment for 200 families within a six (6) month period. 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):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2012-13 Target</b>
Percentage/number of absence of recurrence of maltreatment within six months.	*94% /200 families

*\*Target for six months only*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the Agreement is extended by six (6) months, July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. The amended amount is \$237,475 for a total obligation of \$712,425. Of the amended amount 100% is funded by Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project Allocation (CWSOIP). Appropriation has been included in the FY2012-13 Recommended Budget. There is no Net County Cost.