



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



**Date:** May 5, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 7, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** Amendment to Agreement with StarVista

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with StarVista to add funding for an additional six months of services, increasing the amount by \$687,945 for a total amount not to exceed \$5,999,762, and extending the termination date by six months to December 31, 2016.

**BACKGROUND:**

In February 2013, the Human Services Agency (HSA) conducted a Request for Proposals process for temporary crisis residential services, crisis intervention/suicide prevention, emancipated foster youth transitional housing and aftercare services, and services for homeless youth. StarVista was the selected vendor, and the County entered into an Agreement with them for a three-year term from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

Under our agreement, StarVista provides services to the following HSA clients: families involved with Children and Family Services (CFS), emancipated foster youth, and vulnerable youth in San Mateo County. Services include temporary crisis residential services, crisis intervention suicide prevention, transitional housing, and services for homeless youth. Programs include (1) Your House South, a shelter for runaway youth, (2) Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus), stable housing and case management services for youth exiting foster care who are between the ages of 18 and 25, (3) the Crisis Hotline, a 24-hour telephone hotline that offers counseling for youth experiencing crisis, and (4) Daybreak, a temporary intervention and respite care program for families in crisis. StarVista has been providing services for HSA for approximately eight years and has extensive experience working with the populations eligible for these services.

## **DISCUSSION:**

This amendment is to extend the current services for six months, for a new term of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, add funding of \$687,945 to pay for the additional six months of service, for an amount not to exceed \$5,999,762, and allow former foster youth to receive THP-Plus services up to the age of 25.

In May 2015, California legislators passed Senate Bill 1252, amending Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1403.2 to allow each County to extend THP-Plus services to emancipated foster youth up to, but not including, age 25 and for up to 36 cumulative months to all youth in the program. San Mateo County has opted to allow the extension of services under this provision. This amendment sets forth requirements for when StarVista seeks to extend services to a particular youth.

The term of StarVista's existing three year contract expires on June 30, 2016. HSA plans to conduct a Request for Proposals to select a vendor for these services. With this Amendment, HSA seeks to extend the same services currently being provided under the Agreement in order to allow time for staff to evaluate the services, conduct market research, determine the nature and scope of required services, and conduct a Request for Proposals process. If a new vendor is selected to provide these services, the extension of time will also allow for a transition and on-boarding process. It is in the best interests of the County to extend this Agreement as it will allow StarVista to continue to provide services to the youth in our County who are vulnerable and whose well-being can suffer great detriment from any abrupt discontinuation or disruption of services.

This amendment and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The Contractor meets the insurance certification requirement. The Contract Compliance Committee has approved a waiver to extend the term of this Agreement beyond three years.

This amendment to the agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing safe and stable housing, counseling, resource information, legal assistance and outreach to at-risk youth and families.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Estimated</b>	<b>FY 2016-17* Projected</b>
Percent of youth with individual case plans who participate in the Daybreak Program that will either complete a job training program or secure high school equivalency degree.	90%	90%
Percent of youth who, upon exiting Your House South residential services, will return home or be placed in a stable and supportive living environment	95%	95%

\*Six months of services from July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The current term of this agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. This amendment would extend the Agreement by six months for a new termination date of December 31, 2016. This Amendment would also add \$687,945 to the Agreement, for an amount not to exceed \$5,999,762. The amended amount is funded 100% through Child Welfare Services (CWS) State Realignment funding. There is no Net County Cost. The additional amount of \$687,945 is included in the FY 2016-17 Revised Recommended Budget.