



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 23-876

Board Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Claire Cunningham, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: **MEASURE K:** Agreement with StarVista for Child Abuse Prevention Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with StarVista for child abuse prevention services for the term of October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and a total amount obligation not to exceed \$1,291,164.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (AB 636), the Human Services Agency's (HSA) Children and Family Services (CFS) branch completed its five-year System Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2023 to 2028. This plan identified specific prevention program strategies to address community needs based on findings from a recent County Self-Assessment (CSA), one of which is child abuse prevention services including parent education and behavioral health. The primary goal of these services is to keep children safely in their homes and prevent children from entering child welfare, juvenile justice, and psychiatric emergency services systems.

In March 2023, HSA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify providers of child abuse prevention services under a Family Resource Center model at school-based sites, in the community, and in-home to at-risk families with children ages 0-18. StarVista was one of two providers awarded based on their capacity, experience, and method of providing these services.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement with StarVista provides evidence-based parent-education and short-term clinical services to support the prevention of child abuse. Families will access these services via school-sites and through general community services. The program, referred to as "Together for Families," will be delivered to families at school, in community settings, and/or in-home settings based on the family's need. Through the provision of services, parents will learn positive parenting skills and children and families will have their behavioral and mental health needs met. Parents and children will receive additional support based on needs identified through initial intake, screening, and assessments including linkages to community resources.

The resolution contains the County’s standard provisions allowing amendments of the County’s fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

County Attorney has reviewed and approved the resolution and the amendment as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2023-24 Anticipated
Of those children served through the Children and Family Resource Centers and who are at-risk for entry into one or more of the following systems: Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Psychiatric Emergency Services, based on the provider’s interventions and treatments, the percentage of children who will be prevented from entry into one or more of the identified higher level of care system(s) within the school year:	80%
Percentage of families and children with treatment plans will demonstrate improvement in one or more areas of concern as shown by the attainment of treatment plan goal(s). (Based on the provider’s reassessment based on psychosocial and service plan).	80%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$1,291,164. The total obligation of this agreement is anticipated to be funded through Child Welfare Services Child Abuse Prevention funds, 13% Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, 51% State Realignment, 33% **Measure K**, and 3% Family First Transition Grant. There is no Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included in the FY23-24 Approved Budget.