

# **County of San Mateo**

# Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY** 

**File #:** 21-549 Board Meeting Date: 6/29/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Ken Cole, Director, Human Services Agency

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

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with StarVista for child abuse prevention services, for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for total amount not to exceed \$760,000.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On February 27, 2018, by Resolution No. 075752, this Board approved the County's System Improvement Plan ("SIP") and executed a Notice of Intent authorizing the Human Services Agency ("HSA") to administer the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment ("CAPIT"), Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention ("CBCAP") and Promoting Safe and Stable Families ("PSSF") funds. The SIP is an operational agreement between the County of San Mateo and the State of California outlining how the County will improve child welfare services and provide better outcomes affecting the lives of children, youth, and their families.

The term of the SIP is from March 5, 2018 through March 23, 2023. The SIP, a component of the California Child and Family Services Review, mandated under Assembly Bill 636, identifies specific strategies related to child abuse prevention, which includes the delivery of parent education and short -term clinical services.

Following the SIP, Children and Family Services released a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for Child Abuse Prevention Services. The RFP is valid for 5 years with StarVista awarded with a service agreement that commenced on July 1, 2018.

On February 27, 2018, by Resolution No. 075930, this Board authorized an agreement with StarVista for child abuse prevention services for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.

On June 24, 2019, by Resolution No. 076682 and on June 23, 2020 by Resolution No. 077508, this Board authorized amendments to the agreement with StarVista to extend its service area and extend the term of the agreement through June 30, 2021, adding \$620,000 in funds for a revised total of \$870,000.

HSA seeks the continuation of services through new 2-year agreements with current providers in alignment with the 5-year RFP and SIP cycle.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

This agreement with StarVista funds child abuse prevention through the delivery of parent-education, using evidenced based modalities, and short-term clinical services. Currently, StarVista provides child abuse prevention services to Daly City, San Bruno, San Mateo, South San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, El Granada, Montara, and the Moss Beach areas of the County. The current agreement is set to lapse on June 30. 2021.

This proposed agreement with StarVista extends these services with a new term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for a total obligation not to exceed \$760,000.

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 Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and the amendment as to form.

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

| Measure  | FY 2021-22 Target  |
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| Percentage of engaged families, who have completed a pre- and post-family assessment, that will demonstrate improvement in overall parenting skills (based on a joint provider-family assessment). | 80% (250 families) |
| Percentage of participants that will demonstrate an improvement in two areas of concern as shown by an attainment of treatment plan goals (based on provider's reassessment).                      | 80% (250 families) |

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The total obligation is \$760,000 and of which, \$581,464 is funded by Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF); \$92,546 through Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT); and \$85,990 by Community-Based Child Abuse Program (CBCAP) allocations. These funds are included in the FY 2021-22 and FY22-23 Recommended Budgets. There is no Net County Cost.