



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Division, recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement for Services 299-S1711 with Donelle Anderson, for the provision of therapeutic counseling and related services on an “as requested” basis, for the term January 26, 2017 through December 31, 2020, with a maximum contractual obligation of \$200,000; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or their designee to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 299-S1711, including amendments which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement, and contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

FUNDING: Federal and State Funding.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) recommending the Board approve Agreement for Services 299-S1711 with Donelle Anderson to provide therapeutic counseling and related services for those eligible individuals. Approval of said Agreement will ensure HHSA meets the community service demands and will ensure that HHSA provides mandated services, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16501-16508, relative to family reunification for children and families being serviced by the HHSA Child Welfare Services program.

Additionally, HHSA has determined that services provided pursuant to this Agreement 299-S1711 satisfy the criteria defined in Chapter 3.13, Section 3.13.030 of the County Ordinance in that the work performed under this Agreement is on an “as requested” basis; therefore, it is more economical and feasible to engage an independent contractor for therapeutic counseling and related services.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

HHSA has contracted with Donelle Anderson since 2011 for the provision of therapeutic counseling, which includes individual, family, and group therapy. Ms. Anderson also provides therapeutic visitation services, and when necessary, she participates in multidisciplinary team meetings and Court meetings. HHSA maintains agreements with multiple local vendors for the provision of therapeutic counseling and related services to ensure that clients can be referred by their caseworker on an “as requested” basis to receive necessary, and in some cases, Court-mandated services from the most appropriate and conveniently located vendor. Choice of vendor is based upon the specific needs of each individual HHSA client.

ALTERNATIVES:

Disapproval of Agreement for Services 299-S1711 will result in difficulty in meeting the service demands of the community and HHSA’s mandated services requirements, as well as a disruption in progress and continuity of care for clients currently receiving services from this vendor.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel, Human Resources, and Risk Management.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item. Sufficient appropriations were included in the fiscal year 2016/17 budget, and will be included in future budgets for the term of the Agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on two (2) original Agreements for Services 299-S1711.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed Agreement to the HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

County-wide Strategic Plan Project, Macro Measure - Social and Economic Factors; Objective 2: Provide effective programs to assist individuals and families in achieving self-sufficiency.

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