



Legislation Text

File #: 17-0340, **Version:** 1

Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement for Services 006-S1811 with New Morning Youth and Family Services, Inc., for the provision of the Parenting Skills project, for the term upon final execution through June 30, 2019, with a maximum contractual obligation of \$100,000; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 006-S1811, 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: Mental Health Services Act, Prevention and Early Intervention allocation.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) recommending the Board approve and sign Agreement for Services 006-S1811 with New Morning Youth and to provide Parenting Skills classes for those eligible individuals, thus ensuring HHSA meets the requirements of the funding source.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) mandates that stakeholders are to be provided with the opportunity to provide input into the MHSA Plan development on topics such as community needs and funding allocations. During the community planning process, one of the unmet needs identified by the public was providing linkage to children and their families to necessary resources to improve parent-child interactions and relationships. To address those needs, the Parenting Skills project was incorporated into the MHSA Plan under the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component.

On August 26, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted and authorized implementation of the MHSA Plan Three-Year Plan Update (File ID 14-0806). Included in the approved FY 2014-15 MHSA Plan Update is the "Youth and Children's Services" program under the PEI component and includes the "Parenting Skills" project. This project was previously referred to as the "Incredible Years" project in the FY 2013-14 MHSA Plan, and the contract to provide those services was awarded to New Morning Youth and Family Services, Inc. through Request for Proposal 14-952-0313. However, in the FY 2014-15 MHSA Plan, the scope of the project expanded to include other parenting skills classes beyond Incredible Years.

Parenting skills classes focus on strengthening parent-child interactions and relationships and fostering the parents' ability to promote children's social, emotional, and language development. Additionally PEI programs strive to reduce the stigma associated with either being diagnosed with a mental illness or with seeking mental health services, as well as reduce discrimination against people with mental illness.

On June 13, 2016, the Board approved the MHSA Plan Update (File ID 15-0964) for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Although no substantive changes are anticipated, should the approved MHSA Three-Year Plan for FY 2017-18 through 2019-20 differ materially from the current draft, impacting this Agreement, HHSA will amend this Agreement or rely on language which provides for cancellation, if appropriate.

ALTERNATIVES:

Disapproval of Agreement for Services 006-S1811 will result in HHSA's failure to comply with the MHSA Plan as developed in coordination with public input and as approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 13, 2016.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel 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 16/17 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 006-S1811.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed Agreement to the HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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