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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel Little, Director, Social Services Agency

SUBJECT: Strengthening All Families Equitably

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to the Strengthening All Families Equitably program.
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Possible action:

- a. Approve retroactive Agreement with Gardner Family Health Network, Inc., doing business as Gardner Health Services, relating to providing Strengthening All Families Equitably program services in an amount not to exceed \$580,000 for period December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with four one-year and one five-month extension options, that has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality.
- b. Approve retroactive Agreement with Odd-Fellow Rebekah Children's Home of California relating to providing Strengthening All Families Equitably program services in an amount not to exceed \$580,000 for period December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with four one-year and one five-month extension options, that has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality.
- c. Approve retroactive Agreement with Pacific Clinics relating to providing Strengthening All Families Equitably program services in an amount not to exceed \$580,000 for period December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with four one-year and one five-month extension options, that has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs of the agreements with Gardner Family Health Network, Inc., Odd-Fellow Rebekah Children's Home of California, and Pacific Clinics in an amount not to exceed a total of \$1,740,000 relating to providing Strengthening All Families Equitably program for the period December 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, will be reimbursed by the Wraparound Reinvestment Fund. This Fund consists of savings realized over several years from the delivery of wraparound services to clients of the Social Services Agency (SSA), Probation Department (PD), and Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD). The Fiscal Standards

for Wraparound Services require that these cost savings be reinvested to expand and enhance services and resources for children and families. Funds should not supplant prior County funding for the same services.

CONTRACT HISTORY

On April 20, 2023, SSA released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Strengthening All Families Equitably (SAFE) program. The RFP was released via Periscope Holdings, and on the response deadline of June 1, 2023, SSA received six proposals that met the minimum qualifications for a responsive and responsible response.

An Evaluation Committee (EC) was formed to evaluate the proposals. The EC recommended that SSA award the contracts for SAFE services to Gardner Family Health Network, Inc., doing business as Gardner Health Services, Odd-Fellow Rebekah Children's Home of California, and Pacific Clinics.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

The mission and vision of SSA is to provide resources and opportunities in a culturally responsive manner to enhance the quality of life in our community by protecting, educating, and empowering individuals and families. In alignment with this mission, the SAFE program will serve families who may need services and support but are ineligible for support through child welfare (i.e., do not have a substantiated allegation of child abuse or neglect). By identifying families in need further upstream, SAFE will protect children and youth by providing meaningful early engagement, intervention, and services.

SAFE will operate three community sites offering prevention and early intervention services by providing services directly or referring families to other service providers. Each community site will function as a unified single point of entry for families, individuals, children, and youth to obtain information, get connected to direct services and supports, or receive a warm handoff to another organization for services in a manner that is welcoming, culturally competent, and strength-based. Families will receive case management services to evaluate their needs and develop individualized, family-centered, and needs-driven prevention plans. Each community site is equipped to serve at least 275 families per year.

In accordance with Board Policy 5.3.5.1, the Board of Supervisors (Board) is the only body that has authority to enter into contracts and issue solicitations on behalf of the County, unless contracting authority has been specifically delegated to someone other than the Board pursuant to State law, County Ordinance Code, resolution, or express action of the Board.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended actions will have a positive impact on the **Safe and Stable Families** by providing prevention and early intervention services to increase family preservation and prevent the occurrence of child abuse or neglect.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The County will be unable to provide prevention and early intervention services to families at risk of entering the child welfare system.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board is kindly requested to notify Jorge Montes, Alana Rainville, Chad Keele, and Sylvia Young from SSA upon approval of the agreements.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY24_Contract_Packet_GFHN_SAFE (PDF)
- FY24_Contract_Packet_PC_SAFE (PDF)
- FY24_Contract_Packet_RCS_SAFE (PDF)