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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Alameda County Administration Building
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Approval of new contract with Children's Hospital Research Center
Oakland

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board:

- Approve a new contract with Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland, Master Contract #900159, Procurement # 4126 (Principle: Gary Chawk; Location: Oakland, CA) in the amount of \$230,200 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, to cover training and technical assistance to Paths 2 Success program providers, and delegate to the Agency Director, or designee, the authority to execute the contract under the Master Contract process.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This letter requests action by your Board to approve a new contract with Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland (CHRCO) for the provision of counseling and training services to the Another Road to Safety - Paths 2 Success providers.

The Social Services Agency's (SSA) Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) contracts with three (3) community-based agencies--Family Support Services of the East Bay (FSSBA), La Familia Counseling Services and Prescott-Joseph Center (PJC)--for the provision of two sets of in-home support services: Another Road to Safety (ARS), Alameda County's differential response program, and Paths 2 Success (P2S) support services for families in the court-ordered Family Maintenance program of the child welfare system. The goals of ARS and P2S are to prevent families from entering the child welfare system and to help families who have entered the system to successfully exit and not reenter. The DCFS has requested that Children's Hospital Research Center Oakland (CHRCO) support these three community-based providers by offering ongoing program consultation, training and technical assistance designed to strengthen services provided to families.

The CHRCO Consultation Team will support the effectiveness of the ARS and P2S programs through providing high quality and culturally responsive consultation services, which include identifying challenges, developing intervention strategies, program goals and constructive solutions that address the systemic and programmatic complexities of both programs. This set of consultation services continues the services currently provided to the ARS/P2S programs, which have been previously contracted through Every Child Counts/First Five Alameda County during fiscal year 2008-2009.

SSA is recommending approval of this contract with CHRCO based on an established linkage with the Agency's ARS-P2S program providers and their proven capacity to provide quality and timely services that are critical to the families being served.


SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS:

Children's Hospital, Research Center Oakland Consultation Team, previously funded by Every Child Counts (ECC), was chosen based on their expertise in providing these services and their already established relationship with the ARS-P2S providers. The contract with ECC ended on June 30, 2009. SSA will assume contractual responsibility beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

FINANCING:

Financing for this contract will come from Title IVE Waiver funds. There is no change in net County costs.

Sincerely,



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cc: County Administrator
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel