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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Administration Building
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Approval of a new contract with Centerforce for coordination and policy planning related to dependents of parents in the justice system.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Waive the competitive bid requirements and approve the sole-sourcing of a new service agreement with Centerforce to provide leadership and coordination for County policy and service planning related to children and youth of parents in the criminal justice system within Alameda County.
2. Approve a new service agreement, Procurement #8395 with Centerforce, (Principal: Carol Burton; Location: San Quentin & Oakland, CA), under CBO Master Contract #900846 in the amount of \$70,000 for the award period of December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to provide leadership and coordination for County policy and service planning related to children and youth of parents in the criminal justice system within Alameda County, and delegate authority to the SSA Director, or designee, to sign and execute the agreement under the Master Contracting process.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This letter requests action by your Board to approve and authorize a new sole-sourced service agreement with Centerforce, who as lead agency for the Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (ACCIPP) will provide coordination and leadership to address the needs of children and youth with parents involved in the criminal justice system, along with youth in the juvenile justice system. Specifically, Centerforce will provide staff support for the ACCIPP monthly planning meetings. These meetings comprise public and private senior agency representatives from child welfare, probation, the Sheriff's department, the courts, mental health, education, and other key agencies.

These meetings have enabled public/private agencies to work together to create a seamless trajectory that follows the child and family from entry into the child welfare and corrections systems to successful exit and integration into the local community. It has been the responsibility of this group, guided by a steering committee, to set concrete goals, delegate tasks and oversee the progress of this initiative. The work of the committee is coordinated and integrated with the Alameda County One Table Re-entry Council/Community Corrections Partnership - Executive Committee (CCPEC).

Additionally, Centerforce will become the fiscal sponsor of the McCullum Youth Court (MYC) and will continue the operations of that program. This work involves transfer of MYC fiscal and program oversight to Centerforce. MYC is an alternative to the juvenile justice system in which first-time offenders are counseled, represented, prosecuted and sentenced by trained teen volunteers, presided over by an adult judge. Once youth offenders have served their sentences, their cases are dismissed and they have the option of training to become Youth Advocates in the MYC programs.

SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS:

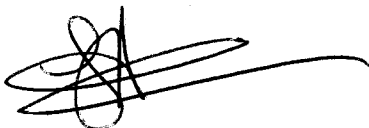
SSA is recommending the sole-sourcing of this new service contract with Centerforce, as it is the lead agency for the Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (ACCIPP) consortium and is strategically placed to continue the services of the coordination and planning of service policies for this project. This recommendation is made jointly by the Health Care Services Agency, Probation Department, and Social Services Agency, which will participate in the funding of this project.

The Office of Contracts Compliance has issued Waiver #F453 of SLEB criteria due to the utilization of Federal Funds for this service award.

FINANCING:

The requested contract amount of \$70,000 for the period of December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 will be funded inclusive of \$40,000 with Federal and State Title IV-E Waiver revenue available to SSA and Probation, and \$30,000 from HCSA Tobacco Master Settlement Trust (#83417). HCSA will transfer the funds at year-end. No new net county cost will result from your approval of this contract.

Sincerely,



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Alex Briscoe
Director,
Health Care Services Agency



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c: County Auditors Office
County Administrator's Office
County Counsel