

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Behavioral Health And Recovery Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE September 9, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Provision of Specialty Mental Health Services Which Includes Intensive Case Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS), Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT) and Therapeutic Foster Care Services (TFC)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the General Services Agency (GSA) Purchasing Division to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services who is partnering with the Community Services Agency for the provision of specialty mental health services which includes intensive case coordination (ICC), intensive home based services (IHBS), child and family team meetings (CFT) and therapeutic foster care (TFC) services for the contract period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 with an option to renew the agreement on a year-to-year basis up to a maximum of four additional years

FISCAL IMPACT:

As recommended, this RFP will be issued in the first 6 months of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 with an expectation that contract award will begin effective January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. As a result, appropriations and corresponding revenues are included in the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Community Services Agency's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Adopted Proposed Budget. Appropriations and corresponding revenues for the remainder of the contract will be included in each Department's budget submission for the subsequent year. The awarded contract maximum is expected to be up to \$1,500,000. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-458

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman De Martini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Chiesa

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

In July 2002, a federal class action lawsuit (Katie A v. Bonta) was filed on behalf of California foster youth and children at risk of out-of-home placement. The suit was brought against the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. The lawsuit sought to improve the provision of specialty mental health services and supportive services for children and youth enrolled in the Child Welfare system, or at imminent risk of placement in foster care in California. Los Angeles County reached a settlement with the plaintiffs in March 2008. Litigation against DHCS and CDSS continued for several years.

In December 2011, the District Court gave final approval of the ground-breaking settlement agreement recognizing an entitlement to individualized, intensive home and community-based health services through Medi-Cal.

The settlement agreement seeks to accomplish systemic change for mental health services to children and youth within the identified class (Katie A identified Subclass members) by promoting, adopting, and endorsing three new service array approaches for existing Medicaid covered services. These three new service array approaches are Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS), Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) Services and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Services. These services include intensive mental health treatments such as wraparound, mobile crisis care, intensive case management, in-home mental health aides, and more.

In addition, the settlement agreement mandates the establishment of Child and Family Team (CFT) and Child and Family Team Meetings for sub-class members open in both Mental Health and Child Welfare (Family Reunification (FR), Permanent Placement (PP) and Family Maintenance (FM) programs). The CFT must be formally organized to serve as the primary vehicle delivering services in serving the Katie A. sub-class members that need intensive approach and service delivery.

In September 2012, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Community Services Agency began preparing for its implementation of Katie A program services.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is now requesting approval to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to complete its implementation of specialty mental health services which includes intensive case coordination (ICC), intensive home based

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services (IHBS), child and family team meetings (CFT) and therapeutic foster care services (TFC). The procurement method will be a “best value” approach, which means that the County is prepared to award a single contract to the Proposer who offers the most cost-effective and comprehensive solution.

The Department will return to the Board upon completion of the RFP process with final contract recommendation.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this request to issue an RFP supports the Board's priorities of A Healthy Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by providing services through a vendor partnership that provides Katie A Program Services in the community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Community Services Agency and Purchasing staff are available to support this RFP process.

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