BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: August 13, 2019

SUBJECT:

Approve an agreement with Parenting Network, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve an agreement with Parenting Network, Inc. retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in the amount not to exceed \$290,000 for the delivery of respite care services. This agreement is retroactive due to an inadvertent omission in submitting the agreement timely for processing and because services have been provided since July 1, 2019. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
- Find that the Board had the authority to enter into this proposed agreement as of July 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
- 3. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services (CWS) is requesting to contract with Parenting Network, Inc. to provide respite care services for dependent children and children at risk of detention throughout Tulare County. Through this agreement, services will be provided to an estimated one hundred (100) children. CWS has partnered with Parenting Network, Inc. for the last eight years to provide this service through professional service agreements.

Parenting Network, Inc. operates the "Parenting Network Respite Care Program"

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delivering community-based, in-home respite care designed to provide temporary relief for foster parents, relative care takers, and parents by providing child care. Respite care affords care takers both the opportunity to rejuvenate and attend required training. Respite care is a support service for parents which allows them to participate in court ordered case plan services.

CWS is committed to improving outcome measures in the Board-approved 2012-2017 Tulare County System Improvement Plan including placement stability of children in care and the safe reunification of dependent children to their families. Respite care is a support service that assists CWS in meeting both of these goals and improving the stability and well-being of Tulare County dependents as measured by the California's Child and Family Services Review outcome report.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because this vendor is the only vendor in the area with the ability to provide the required services under this agreement. CWS is requesting County of Tulare Board of Supervisors waive the request for proposal process consistent with Resolution No. 86-0613 and County Purchasing Policies and Procedures. Aforementioned resolution and purchasing policies and procedures allow for the request for proposal process to be waived if it fits one of seven categories. One of the categories is Vendor is sole source.

A prior agreement, identical for the term or time period and/or dollar value, was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 24, 2018. An amendment replacing Exhibit B, was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 2019.

The only changes from the previous agreement and amendment are to the term or time period of the agreement, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and the dollar amount of the agreement of \$290,000.

There are no deviations to the County Boilerplate.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this contract are included in the Health and Human Services Agency 001-142 budget, line 4020-7043, professional services, for \$290,000. This agreement is for a total of \$290,000 which will be included in Fiscal Year 2019/2020. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs. This Agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation to provide the residents of Tulare County with quality services to improve and sustain the regions safety, economic well-being and quality of life.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Timothy W. Lutz

Agency Director

County Administrative Office CC:

Attachment(s) Agreement

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PARENTING NETWORK, INC.) Resolution No) Agreement No)
UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISO	OR, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN O	FFICIAL MEETING HELD
, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
ATTEST:	JASON T. BRITT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	Deputy Clerk

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