



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: August 22, 2017

Date: July 25, 2017
 To: Board of Supervisors
 From: Connie Beck *sm fox*
 Director, Department of Health and Human Services – Children and Family Services
 Subject: Therapeutic Foster Care Services Provider

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the proposals in response to Request for Proposals DHHS – RFP No. DHHS2017-01 for provision of Therapeutic Foster Care services;
2. Approve awarding a contract for the provision of Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) services to Redwood Community Services, Inc.;
3. Approves the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to enter into negotiations with Redwood Community Services Inc. to sign a contract for the provision of TFC services;
4. Authorizes the DHHS-Director to execute a contract for the provision of TFC services with Redwood Community Services, Inc. upon approval of County Counsel and Risk Management that is substantially similar to the sample agreement for TFC services attached as Attachment D to RFP No. DHHS2017-01; and
5. Directs the Clerk of the Board to forward one (1) certified Board report to the DHHS-Contract Unit.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund & Assistance Fund

DISCUSSION:

Prepared by: Windy Scott, SSAI

CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:	Auditor <i>MSM</i>	County Counsel <i>Sm</i>	Personnel	Risk Manager <i>KW</i>	Other
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
 Upon motion of Supervisor *Wilson* Seconded by Supervisor *Fennell*
 Ayes *Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson*
 Nays
 Abstain
 Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. : _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *Aug. 22, 2017*
 By: *[Signature]*
 Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

In December 2011, the State of California entered into a settlement agreement of the class action lawsuit Katie A. v. Bontá. The State subsequently took a series of actions to transform the way children and youth in foster care, or at risk of placement in California's foster care system, access mental health services in a more intensive array of well coordinated, clinically-appropriate, and community-based mental health service settings. One aspect of these settlement activities includes the development of a TFC service model as a way of delivering Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) to children and youth.

The TFC service model allows for the provision of short-term, intensive, highly coordinated, trauma-informed and individualized SMHS activities (plan development, rehabilitation and collateral) to children and youth up to age 21 who have complex emotional and behavioral needs and who are placed with trained, intensely supervised, and supported TFC parents. TFC is intended for children and youth who require intensive and frequent mental health support in a family environment.

TFC parents will work under the supervision of a TFC Agency who will recruit, train and oversee TFC parents. Specifically, TFC parents will provide TFC services under the direction of a Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP) who is able to direct services and is employed by the TFC Service Model Agency (TFC Agency).

On January 17, 2017, the county posted Request for Proposals (RFP) No. DHHS2017-01 for the provision of Therapeutic Foster Care Services to the county's website (Attachment 1). As part of the RFP process, proposers were allowed to submit questions and request clarification. The deadline for proposers' questions was February 8, 2017. Two proposers submitted questions. DHHS posted its responses to the proposers' questions to the county's website on February 16, 2017 (Attachment 2).

DHHS received two proposals by the RFP's closing date of March 3, 2017.

On March 10, 2017, DHHS convened an evaluation committee utilizing the evaluation criteria included in the RFP. The evaluation committee was comprised of five scoring members. During the committee's initial review, committee members determined that additional clarification was required from the proposers. On March 21, 2017, the CMH Staff Services Analyst emailed proposers the attached questions, with a response due date of March 31, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. Proposers were asked to clarify the budget. Once that response was received and reviewed, additional clarification was requested on March 30, 2017 and received on March 31, 2017 and reviewed by the evaluation committee (Attachment 5).

As a result of the evaluation committee members' compiled scores, Redwood Community Services, Inc. was rated the most suitable proposer for the provision TFC services. (Attachment 4).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The provision of Therapeutic Foster Care Services (TFC) will be funded through an integrated revenue model to include Specialty Mental Health services claiming for reimbursement through Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation, Behavioral Health Realignment and State General Fund and Social Services claiming through Aid for Dependent Children (AFDC) for placement costs.

Revenues and expenditures related to the proposed agreement have been included in approved FY 2017-18 budget for DHHS-Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424 and DHHS-Social Services budget unit 1110-518. Pending final contract negotiations, anticipated expenditure is projected to be \$638,020 for TFC daily rate, \$622,520 for Specialty Mental Health and \$1,102,651 for AFDC placement costs. There is no impact to County General Fund.

The recommended action supports the Board's Strategic Framework by ensuring opportunities for improved safety and health, protecting vulnerable populations and providing appropriate levels of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the attached agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. for the provision of TFC services. However, this alternative is not recommended since TFC services are required by the state. In the absence of such services provided by Redwood Community Services, Inc., DHHS – Mental Health would have to provide these services directly, which is not feasible at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. County of Humboldt Request for Proposals – RFP No. DHHS2017-01
2. County's Responses to Proposers Questions for RFP No. DHHS2017-01
3. Proposal – Environmental Alternatives, Inc.
4. Proposal – Redwood Community Services, Inc.
5. County's March 21, 2017 Request to Proposers for Clarification
6. Proposers' Responses to County's March 21, 2017 Requests for Clarification
7. County's March 30, 2017 Request to Proposers for Clarification
8. Proposers' Response to County's March 30, 2017 Request for Clarification
9. DHHS Final Scoring Matrix – with RFP evaluation committee's compiled scores