

# County of Sonoma

## Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date

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Agenda Item No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** Human Services Department

**4/5 Vote Required**

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**Board Date:**

April 21, 2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**

April 21, 2009

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:**

Execution of agreement for consultation for Peer Quality Case Review (PQCR)

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

1. Authorize the Human Services Department Director, or her designee, to sign and execute an agreement, and any future amendments that do not cumulatively increase the cost by more than ten percent within budget authority and do not significantly change the scope of work with California Consulting to provide technical assistance in the planning and evaluation of the Sonoma County Peer Quality Case Review (PQCR), from 4/22/09 to 6/30/09, for an amount not to exceed \$31,057.

### CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

**EXPENDITURES**

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL**

Estimated Cost	\$	31,057	Contingencies	\$	000.00
			(Fund Name: )		
Amount Budgeted	\$	31,057	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	000.00
			(Source: )		
Other Available Approp.	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s)		000.00
(Explain Below)			(Source: )	\$	
Additional Requested:	\$	000.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	

**Explanation** (if required):

Funding for this activity was included in the department's final FY 2008-2009 budget as part of the regular CWS Final Allocation.

**Prior Board Action(s):**

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:**

Non-approval would prevent the Human Services Department from contracting for technical assistance on a required PQCR. The absence of expert consultation may result in an unsatisfactory performance in carrying out the PQCR.

**Action Requested**

Sonoma County Human Services Department received an allocation of \$96,894 to carry out its mandated Peer Quality Case Review (PQCR). The HSD requests that the Board take the following actions:

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**Background**

Pursuant to State Law AB 636, Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Act, a new Child Welfare Services Outcome and Accountability System began operating in California. This system was developed in accordance with the provisions of the Welfare and Institutions Code and focuses primarily on measuring outcomes in safety, permanence and child and family well-being. The new system replaces the Child Welfare Services Oversight System which focused exclusively on regulatory compliance and brings California’s oversight into alignment with the Federal Child and Family Service Review oversight system of the states.

PQCR is one of the three activities mandated by the California Children and Family Services Review (C-CFSR, 2004). The PQCR supplements the County Self Assessment (CSA) by including outside expertise in examining child welfare practices and identifying strengths and challenges of the County’s child welfare services. The PQCR, in addition to the CSA, guides the development of the County’s System Improvement Plan (SIP), and helps counties assess the effectiveness of child welfare practice across child safety, permanency and stability, and family connections and well-being.

There are only two companies that provide PQCR consulting in this area, California Consulting and Shared Visions. Proposals and quotes were obtained from both companies. California Consulting was selected based on their value and expertise.

**Service Description**

The Agreement with California Consulting will support the County in completing the Peer Quality Case Review required by the California Department of Social Services. California Consulting will be responsible for providing technical assistance in the planning and development phase and will be largely responsible for facilitating the PQCR interview week with the partnering county interview team members. California Consulting will develop and produce the PQCR report for the County of Sonoma mandated by AB 636 and will participate in the de-brief meetings to discuss the results of the PQCR for the Human Services Department staff.

**Attachments:**

**On File With Clerk:**

Sample Agreement

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**Board Action (If other than "Requested")**

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**Vote:**