

County of Sonoma

Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date Held Until

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Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No:

Department: Human Services Department

() **4/5 Vote Required**

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Board Date:
August 11, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:
August 11, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Human Services Department Director, or her designee, to sign and execute agreements, and any future amendments which do not significantly change program design or funding amounts, with three community-based organizations to implement the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program. The agreements, in the amount of \$61,280 each annually, will be in effect from 8/1/09 to 6/30/11 contingent upon funding availability.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost	\$	183,840.00	Contingencies	\$	000.00
			(Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted	\$	183,840.00	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	000.00
			(Source:)		
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s)		000.00
			(Source:)	\$	
Additional Requested:	\$	000.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	000.00

Explanation (if required):

Funding for this program has been included in the department's approved FY 2009-2010 budget.

Prior Board Action(s):

9/10/02, 12/16/03, 9/21/04, 8/23/05, 6/20/06, 10/23/07, 6/3/08, 11/4/08 – Authorized the HSD Director to sign and execute PSSF agreements.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

The PSSF program described herein is supported entirely by the federal government and requires no county contribution. Funds must be used for community based child abuse prevention. Non-approval of this request will prevent the Human Services Department from receiving Promoting Safe and Stable Families and Community Based Child Abuse Prevention funds.

Background:

Requested Board Action

The Human Services Department requests that the Board authorize the Director or her designee to sign and execute new agreements for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program (PSSF), and to sign and execute any future amendments which do not significantly change program design or funding amounts. The agreements are on file with the clerk.

The Department is allocating \$183,840 in support of the PSSF program, providing \$61,280 to each of the three community based organizations selected to implement the program. The three agencies selected through a Request for Proposals process are:

- Alternative Family Services
- California Parenting Institute
- Social Advocates for Youth

The funding for PSSF programs is from the federal PSSF and Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) allocations and must be used for community-based child abuse prevention. Current and future year PSSF contracts will be contingent upon availability of funding.

Procurement Process

PSSF funding had not been subject to a competitive procurement process for over seven years. The three recommended PSSF contractors were selected as a result of a Request for Proposals (RFP) process conducted between March and June 2009. Eight proposals were received and seven advanced to the review stage. The review committee was comprised of three un-conflicted reviewers outside of the Department's Family Youth and Children Division, each knowledgeable in the services targeted for PSSF funding. The proposals that scored above a scaled score of ten were recommended for funding. All agencies whose proposals scored below a scaled score of 10 were notified of their status in the RFP process. In July 2009, the Department completed contract negotiations with the three agencies recommended for funding. Only one of these recommended PSSF contractors, SAY, has been a PSSF contractor in the past.

Service Description

State legislation now requires PSSF planning to be integrated with the larger System Improvement Planning (SIP) process. Accordingly, the PSSF program should aim to affect the larger outcome measures to which child welfare agencies are held accountable. Further, CBCAB explicitly requires its funds be spent on programs with an evidence base. Therefore, HSD structured the RFP in such a way that it would be able to identify proposals with both a clear link to child welfare outcomes and an identifiable evidence base.

Attachments:

On File With Clerk:

Agreements

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background continued:

The three agencies recommended for PSSF funding will work collaboratively with HSD-Family, Youth and Children's Division to serve families identified by child welfare social workers as being high-risk for entering the Child Welfare System. All referrals to their agencies will be made exclusively by HSD-FYC, based on having investigated an allegation of child abuse or neglect. PSSF contractors will operate on a countywide basis, representing a change in the regional approach previously employed with PSSF funds. CPI will provide Triple P, a proven model of parent education and support. SAY will provide Functional Family Therapy and Solution Focused Brief Therapy. AFS will provide an intensive model of Family Group Conferencing, a social support model that aims to assist families with building support for themselves in their own communities.

All three agencies will work closely and collaboratively with each other and HSD-FYC to ensure optimal program efficiency and effectiveness. A program evaluation will evaluate the effect of each intervention on measurable child welfare outcomes.

Two organizations that were not funded, Community Action Program and Sonoma County Adult and Youth Development, filed an appeal to the recommendations. The first step of this appeal was to meet with the HSD Director, who found no basis for changing the funding recommendations. The second and final step would be for these organizations to address the Board of Supervisors if they wish to do so.

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