

# 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:**  
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**Department:** Human Services Department

**4/5 Vote Not Required**

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**Board Date:**  
10/27/2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Child Welfare Systems Case Management Tool Agreement.

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:** Authorize the Human Services Department Director or her designee to sign and execute a two-year renewal agreement with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency to subscribe to SafeMeasures®, a case management tool that provides detailed case information for child welfare services, and execute future amendments, provided that the future amendments do not substantially change the scope of work and do not cumulatively increase the total costs of the agreement by more than 10% or exceed the Department's budget allocation.

## CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

**EXPENDITURES:**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:**

<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$37,125</b>	<b>Contingencies</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b>(Fund Name:)</b>	
<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>\$37,125</b>	<b>Unanticipated Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b>(Source:)</b>	
<b>Other Available Appropriations</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Other Transfers</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>(Explain Below)</b>		<b>(Source:)</b>	
<b>Additional Requested</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Additional Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation (if required):** Funding for this agreement is included in the department's approved budget.

**Prior Board Action:** The Board has authorized the Human Services Director or designee to execute the contract for SafeMeasures® subscription since 2003.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Sonoma County will be unable to track child welfare cases and outcome achievement data for the county's required System Improvement Plan (SIP).

**Background:** The department is requesting authorization for the Human Services Department Director or her designee to sign and execute a two-year renewal agreement with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency to subscribe to SafeMeasures®, a case management tool that provides detailed case information for child welfare services, and execute future amendments, provided that the future amendments do not substantially change the scope of work and do not cumulatively increase the total costs of the agreement by more than 10% or exceed the department's budget allocation. A copy of the agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

In 2002, the Federal Agency for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a review of California's Child Welfare System. The federal review focused not on process elements, but on outcomes in the areas of child safety, permanence and family and child well-being. As with every other state that has been reviewed, California did not meet the minimum standards to pass the review. Working with the ACF, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) developed a statewide Program Improvement Plan (PIP) which was approved by the ACF in July, 2003.

The PIP includes a county self-assessment and System Improvement Plan (SIP) for each county. To create a meaningful SIP, each county developed baseline data for its current achievement of the outcomes delineated by the ACF. The statewide automated Child Welfare system CWS/CMS continues to be unable to produce reports that track the federal outcomes. Therefore a product must be purchased in order to track multiple management reports. Products that are able to produce these reports are SafeMeasures®, offered by the Child Research Center of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and CAD IQ by IBM.

The Family, Youth & Children's (FY&C) Division piloted the two products and made the decision to subscribe to SafeMeasures® in 2003. SafeMeasures® uses case level data from Sonoma's child welfare management information system and publishes it via a conventional web-browser in a series of concise interactive management reports.

The annual cost is \$37,125.00. This expense is funded within the Department's budget and future allocations.

**Attachments:** None.

**On File With Clerk:** Sample Agreement.

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

**Vote:**