

The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department



TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health and Human Services Department

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors approval to award Agreement for Supervised Visitation Services to Youth for Change

DATE: September 12, 2023

NUMBER: 462/2023

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve to award the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Agreement for Supervised Visitation Services to Youth for Change and authorize the Chair to execute.

Background

The goal of enhancing visitation services is to provide a safe, nurturing, culturally supportive and community-focused environment for family visitation to occur between families with children placed in out of home care. On average, the visitation center schedules 300 and completes 200 court ordered and voluntary family reunification supervised visits on a monthly basis.

The services are designed for families with court-ordered juvenile dependency or voluntary family reunification cases. These families require family services intended to reduce the negative consequences of maltreatment and prevent the reoccurrence of abuse. The visitation program is designed to provide a safe, clean, and interactive visitation environment while helping participants develop a plan to build on strengthening their interactions and relationships with their children, enhance stability and aid in the prevention of re-entry into the child welfare system. The plan includes an assessment of the family strengths and needs, targeted parenting skills, short and long-term goals, and proposed activities for skill building. Strategies include, but are not limited to:

- Education and coaching to build positive interactions with their children
- Building positive parenting skills and appropriate discipline techniques
- Management of short and long-term goals for effectiveness
- Engaging families in evidence-based practices to enhance parent-child relationships

Discussion

On November 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved HHSD's request to solicit proposals from qualified agencies to provide supervised visitation services at the HHSD Visitation Center. HHSD received two (2) proposals and, upon evaluation of the submitted proposals, determined that Youth for Change met all criteria and exhibits the experience to partner effectively with HHSD to provide therapeutic, evidence-based, evidence-informed, and trauma-informed practices. HHSD would like to award the supervised visitation services contract to Youth for Change for the term of May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2026.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was bypassed as there is no impact to general funds and the request to solicit proposals was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 8, 2022.

Fiscal Impact:

Budget

- Board approved FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024 Budget Appropriation

Total projected cost

- Year 1: \$425,685
- Year 2: \$436,440
- Year 3: \$457,477
- \$1,319,602 total for a 3-year term

Source of Funds

- Non-General Funds, \$1,319,602 State and Federal funding
 - Child and Adult Protective Services

Attachments

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