



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Agreements with Abode, Inc. (Housing Support Program and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program)

RECOMMENDATION

Interim Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to each of the following agreements with Abode Services, Inc. to remove Exhibit D (HIPAA Business Associate Agreement):

1. Agreement No. 190020B to provide Rapid Re-Housing services under the CalWORKs Housing Support Program for the term July 10, 2018 through June 30, 2022; and
2. Agreement No. 190021B to provide Housing and Disability Advocacy services under the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program for the term July 10, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of today's requested action is to remove Exhibit D (HIPAA Business Associate Agreement) from agreements with Abode Services, Inc. (Abode) for the Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) services under the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) and for the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy (HDAP) Program.

Exhibit D was inadvertently attached to the original agreements and needs to be removed because Abode is not a business associate.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**Housing Support Program:**

The CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) is a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program that is available for CalWORKs eligible families who are identified as homeless. Rapid re-housing provides short-term rental assistance and services. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) and the resources and services provided are typically tailored to the needs of the person. The Core Components of Rapid Re-Housing Include: housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and rapid re-housing case management and services. Rapid re-housing is a primary solution for ending homelessness. It has been demonstrated to be effective in getting people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing and keeping them there. By connecting people with a home, they are in a better position to address other challenges that may have led to their homelessness, such as obtaining employment or addressing substance abuse issues. The intervention has also been effective for people traditionally perceived to be more difficult to serve, including people with limited or no income and survivors of domestic violence. HSP was created by Senate Bill (SB) 855. HSP provides Housing Identification, Landlord Engagement and Case Management services to assist families in locating and maintaining housing stability. HSP also provides direct payments for rental and moving assistance.

Housing and Disability Advocacy Program:

Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 established the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP), which is a county administered program that assists disabled individuals who are experiencing homelessness apply for disability benefit programs while also providing housing assistance.

Services offered through HDAP include outreach, case management, advocacy, and housing assistance.

For over 27 years, Abode Services, Inc. (Abode) has been one of the leading providers of homeless re-housing services in the Bay Area, has worked to end homelessness by assisting low-income, unhoused people to secure stable and supportive housing. Abode was selected through a formal Request for Proposals process.

Abode is not a local vendor.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri