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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Community Impact Consulting, Inc.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Community Impact Consulting, Inc., for a maximum of \$46,000 for the term December 13, 2005 through June 30, 2006 to provide consultation on the recruitment and retention of foster parents as defined in the Child Welfare Services (CWS) System Improvement Plan (SIP).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Health and Human Services Agency received State funding for its Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project. The monies will fund an agreement with Community Impact Consulting, Inc. to provide consultation on the recruitment and retention of foster parents. Community Impact Consulting had previously worked on the County's SIP goals, and thus has specific knowledge of the processes and systems related to this project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The State notified HHS that additional funding was available. HHS applied for additional funds to help implement the CWS Outcome Improvement Project delineated in the County's System Improvement Plan. If this agreement is not approved, the additional funds will have to be returned to the State.

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Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an automatic renewal, which allows the County the option to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	The funds will revert to the State.
Additional Information:	None

### **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**

The Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act of 2001 (AB 636) came about as a response to an unfavorable federal review of California's child welfare system. The intention of the legislation is to improve outcomes for children in the child welfare system. In working toward these outcomes, counties (and the State) are held accountable for measurable outcomes.

The focused intent of AB 636 is to improve outcomes in children's safety, permanence, and wellbeing. In order to move forward in this process, several county requirements were put into place by the State: counties conduct self-assessments, submit a System Improvement Plan (SIP) to the State and update it annually, and conduct peer quality case reviews.

Napa County's System Improvement Plan is focused on three primary areas: ensuring that children are protected from abuse and neglect, improving the transition of foster youth to adulthood, and improving foster parent recruitment and retention. Community Impact Consulting has experience in recruiting and retaining foster parents in Napa County. Performance of this contract will assist the Child Welfare Services division to meet the goals delineated in the System Improvement Plan.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita