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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Agreements with Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. (Parent Partner Services)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services and Director of Public Works request approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following Agreements with Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. for the term May 19, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and each subsequent renewal:

1. An Agreement for an annual maximum of \$236,500 to provide parent partner services to families whose children are enrolled in the Nexus Wraparound Program or are part of the Child Welfare system; and
2. A Space License Agreement allowing Stanford Youth Solutions the use of two cubicles in Section B112 of Building B, 2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, Napa, CA 94558 at no-cost for the term May 19, 2020 to June 30, 2025 to provide parent partner services to families whose children are enrolled in the Nexus Wraparound Program or are part of the Child Welfare system.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of today's requested action is to approve a new Agreement with Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. to provide supportive services to families whose children are in the Nexus Wraparound program or are in the Child Welfare system or at risk of entering the Child Welfare system. Services will include support, information, and training for parents and children about the court process, the disposition process, and the supervision of family plans for reunification.

In addition, staff is requesting the approval of a no-fee Space License Agreement to provide cubicle office space for two Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. staff to be housed at Napa County Child Welfare Services at the Health and Human Services South Campus to provide these parent partner services. The term of the Space License Agreement is aligned with the Professional Service Agreement and extends through June 30, 2025 and can be terminated by either party for any reason by way of 30 days written notice.

Until September 2019, Napa County was previously under contract with different contractor to provide these services. Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. was selected through a formal Request for Proposals process and is not a local vendor.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Child Welfare Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	There is no mandate to contract for these services, however; entering into this agreement will benefit Napa County by providing resources to families whose children are in or are at-risk of being in the Child Welfare system or Nexus Wraparound program.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Agreement contains a provision for automatic annual renewal. Appropriations have been included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget and future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	Parent partner services will not be available to vulnerable families and children in the Napa County Nexus Wraparound program or the Child Welfare system.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information:	

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

Pursuant to this agreement, Stanford Youth Solutions (Contractor) will provide Parent Partner services (formerly called Family Advocate services) to families whose children are:

- I Enrolled in the Nexus Program, which is an evidenced based wrap-around program designed to maintain children and youth in their home community and prevent placement in a higher level of care. It is a goal directed, collaborative, culturally competent, strength based approaches to working with families to help them achieve their goals and visions, and build upon and expand their psychological assets (resiliency; self-regard; self-efficacy, hope, optimism; clarity of values; purpose and identify), interpersonal assets (social competence; social connectedness) and their expertise, skill and knowledge. A series of facilitated, family focused activities guide families in identifying their strengths, needs, natural support systems; and

- build communication and conflict resolution skills to support overall family functioning; and/or
- | Are part of the Child Welfare system (CWS) or the families are at high risk of becoming part of these systems. Parent Partners are parents who were previously clients or consumers of a child and family serving system (such as behavioral health, child welfare or juvenile probation) and are now trained to mentor parents involved in similar systems. Parent Partners assist current clients in navigating through child and family serving systems by offering mentoring, advice, support and encouragement. The goal of these services is to enhance the capacity of parents with system-involved children to provide for and guide their children's healthy development. Parent Partners meet with families face to face and virtually. They offer their presence as a support at Child and Family Team meetings, staffing and court appearances

The Contractor will provide the following services:

- | Introduce and explain the philosophy of "system of care", and the process of "wraparound" as used in Napa County;
- | Accompany parents to planned meetings as appropriate;
- | Provide emotional support to family members;
- | Provide information, resources and referrals;
- | Support and ensure that the families' desired outcomes are addressed through their family (child's) plan;
- | Work within the systems to maintain positive relationships that help support families;
- | Participate in cross training to better understand the systems serving the child and family;
- | Develop a tool to assess satisfaction of families receiving parent advocacy/parent partner services and administers the tool twice a year, providing the surveys and any aggregate data to CWS;
- | Provide training and/or technical assistance to families to enable them to access appropriate services for their child; and
- | Work with CWS to develop a "Parent Handbook" for parents that will help them to complete the CWS and Court process in a timely manner.

By working with these families the following outcomes will be achieved:

- | Families, together with their child, feel supported and are able to effectively participate throughout their experience at Napa County CWS and Nexus program;
- | Families feel heard by social workers and have a say in what happens to their child in the court process, the disposition and supervision plan, as well as the family plan for reunification, thereby increasing the effectiveness of services, interventions, and treatment provided;
- | Families understand the system in which their child is involved, feel that they are being provided positive resources and interventions for their child and family, and are therefore more engaged in all aspects of services and treatment;
- | Families report that the county systems serving them are respectful of them, and their ethnicity, culture and history of their family; and
- | County staff understands and participates in the "System of Care" philosophy (i.e. partnering with families, being responsive to their strengths and needs and partnering with other agencies to provide seamless non-duplicative services to the child and family).

The Space License Agreement provides two cubicles for two Parent Partners to be co-located at Child Welfare Services; one Parent Partner will work in the Nexus program and the other Parent Partner will work in Dependency Investigations for family reunification services.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri