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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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.

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 \$16,000 for the term May 8, 2007 through June 30, 2007, with an automatic annual renewal provision, for consulting services relating to the recruitment and retention of foster parents as specified in the Child Welfare Services (CWS) System Improvement Plan (SIP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this agreement will allow Community Impact Consulting, Inc. to provide consultation to HHSA staff on the recruitment and retention of foster parents, a component of the Child Welfare Services Division's System Improvement Plan. Community Impact Consulting previously worked with HHSA on this plan and thus has specific knowledge of the processes and systems involved.

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:	This agreement is discretionary in that there is no mandate for this particular contractor to provide these services. Approval of this agreement will enable HHSA to pay for consulting services related to foster parent recruitment and retention as mandated by AB 636.
Is the general fund affected?	No

- Future fiscal impact: If approved, the requested amendment will incorporate an automatic annual renewal provision, which will enable the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
- Consequences if not approved: If this agreement is not approved, funds allocated for foster parent recruitment and retention will revert to State.
- Additional Information: This agreement will be fully funded from the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project allocation that resulted from the System Improvement Plan that the Child Welfare Services Division submitted to the State.

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 goals, counties (and the State) are held accountable for measurable outcomes.

The specific intent of AB 636 is to improve outcomes in children's safety, permanence, and well-being. In order to move forward in this process, the State enacted several county requirements including self-assessments, submission of an annual System Improvement Plan (SIP) to the State, and peer quality case reviews.

Napa County's System Improvement Plan has three goals: 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. It has facilitated the Foster Parent Support Network, developed and administered a foster parent mentoring program, developed training materials, and designed data collection plans for evaluation and presentations to staff and community review boards. Approval of the requested agreement with Community Impact Consulting will assist the Child Welfare Services Division to meet one of the goals delineated in the System Improvement Plan, the recruitment and retention of foster parents.

Community Impact Consulting is not a health care provider for purposes of HIPAA. This position was taken because there is no use or disclosure of protected health information by or to this vendor under this agreement.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita