NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Jennifer Yasumoto - Director
Health & Human Services Administration
REPORT BY: JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722
SUBJECT: Agreements related to Therapeutic Foster Care

RECOMMENDATION
Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements to provide Therapeutic Foster Care Services for foster families:

1. an agreement with Aldea, Inc. for an annual maximum of $29,000 for the term August 20, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and each subsequent renewal period with the final renewal period concluding June 30, 2024; and
2. an agreement with Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. for an annual maximum of $29,000 for the term August 20, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and each subsequent renewal period with the final renewal period concluding June 30, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Approval of these agreements will allow Aldea, Inc. and Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. to provide Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) services to eligible youth placed in the homes of their foster parents that are referred by Napa County Child Welfare Services, Probation, and/or Mental Health Departments. TFC services include, but are not limited to: recruiting and training qualified foster parents, coordinate care of services provided to TFC children, and ensuring proper placement matching of child to foster parent.

All services will be billed at daily rate of $111.11/day. It is anticipated that no more than 2-3 children a year will be placed in TFC. The annual contract maximum for each agreement is $29,000. These agreements will expire June 30, 2024 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the agreements.

Staff issued a formal Request for Proposals for TFC services and received two responses from Aldea, Inc. and Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. Both vendors were selected to provide these services. Aldea, Inc. is a local vendor.
Stanford Youth Solutions, Inc. is not a local vendor.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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<td>Is there a Fiscal Impact?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Is it currently budgeted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Where is it budgeted?</td>
<td>Health &amp; Human Services Mental Health</td>
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<td>Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
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<td>Is the general fund affected?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Future fiscal impact:</td>
<td>Although these contracts terminate June 30, 2020, each agreement contains an automatic renewal provision allowing the County the option to continue the services in the next fiscal year should services continue to be requested through June 30, 2024. These agreements are included in the requested Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget and appropriations for future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly.</td>
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<td>Consequences if not approved:</td>
<td>If these contracts are not approved, Napa County will be unable to provide mandated therapeutic foster care services.</td>
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**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 2011 settlement agreement from the Katie A. v. Bontà case sought systemic reform in the provision of mental health services for foster children and youth. The passage of AB 403 Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) in 2015 further aimed to reform the foster care system in California by limiting the number of foster children placed in group homes and the amount of time they spend there. Following these two mandates, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Manual for Intensive Care Coordination, In Home Based Services and Therapeutic Foster Care was developed to guide counties in promoting more intensive services for foster children and youth who meet specialty mental health medical necessity criteria.

In order to comply with these mandates, the Napa County Mental Health division conducted a competitive RFP process to recruit providers of Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) services in Napa County by licensed Foster Family Agencies (FFA’s). The TFC service model allows for the provision of short-term, intensive, highly coordinated, trauma informed, and individualized services to children and youth who have complex emotional and behavioral needs. Under this model, the trained TFC parent serves a key role in the delivery of trauma-informed interventions for the foster child or youth under the close supervision of one of the FFA’s licensed clinicians.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri