

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Twylla Abrahamson, Acting Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: December 8, 2015

SUBJECT: Emergency Foster Care RFP Award

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve the award of competitive Request for Proposals No. 10453 for Emergency Foster Care to Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc.
2. Approve the resulting contract with Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc. for emergency foster care in the maximum amount of \$733,535 for the period of December 8, 2015 to June 30, 2017, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contract and amendments up to 10% of the contract amount consistent with the subject matter and scope of work.
3. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to approve the option to renew the Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc. contract for up to two additional two-year terms provided that the renewal amount for each renewal period does not exceed \$1,178,177.

BACKGROUND:

AB 403 (Stone) is a comprehensive reform effort to make sure that youth in foster care have their day-to-day physical, mental, and emotional needs met; that they have the greatest chance to grow up in permanent and supportive homes; and that they have the opportunity to grow into self-sufficient, successful adults. This is known as Continuum of Care Reform.

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) 2015 report, California Child Welfare Continuum of Care Reform, outlines 21 recommendations to fulfill this goal, one of which is Recommendation 7A, "County operated children's shelters will be phased out over a multi-year period, not to exceed January 1, 2017." This would include Placer County's Children's Emergency Shelter.

To prepare for this eventual closure, the Children's System of Care, released RFP No. 10453 on April 23, 2015, closing on June 8, 2015. Two proposals were received and Koinonia Family Services was awarded through this competitive process. CSOC, in collaboration with the Koinonia Family Services, proposes a plan that will replace the emergency shelter services provided by the Placer County Children's Emergency Shelter with a Shelter Care model similar to what is currently in place for children ages 5 and below. This model will be a community based, family home style model providing emergency placements in licensed foster care homes through a scattered geographic site model utilizing Koinonia Family Services.

Koinonia Family Services shall screen, assess, market and support recruitment of a network of no less than 15 certified emergency foster care homes in, or adjacent to, Placer County. Homes within 10 miles of the Placer County line will not account for more than half of the homes certified. Services will be available 24/7 to accept emergency and ongoing foster placements. Foster parents in these homes will be available for admission and care twenty-four hours per day, as emergency detainments may dictate. Contractor's on-call social worker is expected to

respond within 20 minutes of an initial call or message from the county. Contractor's on-call social worker is expected to confirm within 2 hours of call which home best meets the needs of the specific child(ren). Emergency placement will typically last up to 30 days, while the county social worker completes Team Decision Making, Health and Mental Health Screening and other needed assessments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2015-16 expenditure amount of \$198,000 is included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Final Budget. The FY 2016-17 expenditure will be included in the FY 2016-17 Requested Budget. Funding for FY 2015-16 is provided by State and Federal funds (\$79,200) and County funds (\$118,800). Funding for FY 2016-17 is provided by State and Federal funds (\$374,875) and County funds (160,660) for a total of \$733,535.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.