



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 12, 2016

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Amended Contract with Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the second amendment to contract CN013542-A with Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc. to provide expanded emergency shelter services for children and youth through dedicated beds in a family like setting, to increase the total compensation by \$318,219 in an amount not to exceed \$1,073,754 (no net County cost) from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and to authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting amendment and subsequent amendments not to exceed 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND

This contract was initially awarded in the Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 10453 for Emergency, Respite, and Traditional Foster Care Services to be developed in preparation for the eventual closure of the Placer County Children's Emergency Shelter (CES). The CES will be closing by January 1, 2017 in accordance with recommendations from the California Department of Social Services in response to legislative action, AB 403 (Stone) known as Continuum of Care Reform. CCR is a comprehensive reform effort to ensure that foster youth have their day to day physical, emotional, and mental health needs met in family like settings whenever possible, to shorten time spent in institutional placements, and to keep children and youth in their communities whenever possible. Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc. was competitively selected to recruit, train, and manage a network of emergency, respite and traditional foster care homes for this purpose.

As this recruitment is occurring, it has become clear that there are limited families willing to become certified foster homes for older teenagers, and for those with behavioral and mental health challenges. With this amendment, Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc. will be providing six dedicated beds in a family like setting for these more difficult to place youth who require emergency foster care. The family like setting will be a licensed, certified home with additional supports including crisis intervention, specialty mental health services, supervised visitation, afterschool care, and transportation to the youth's school of origin. The beds in this home would only be used when an emergency, treatment, or traditional foster home is unavailable. This is an important piece of the emergency shelter continuum that has been identified as needing development.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this amendment includes an increase in the total compensation by \$318,219 for a revised aggregate amount of \$1,073,754 to provide expanded emergency foster care services for children and youth through dedicated beds in a family like setting. This amendment will be supported through State and Federal funding, no County General Funds are required. The funds are included in the Department's FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget.

This contract amendment is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

