



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

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: October 23, 2018

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

SUBJECT: Contract with Sierra Forever Families for Continuity of Care Mental Health Services for
Adoptive and Guardianship Children and Families

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a contract with Sierra Forever Families in an amount not to exceed \$98,040 from November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019, to provide continuity of care mental health services for adoptive and guardianship children and families, and to authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence and to sign subsequent amendments not to exceed \$9,804, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Placer County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 10705 to select a provider of mental health services for adoptive and guardianship children and families. Sierra Forever Families had been the provider of these services, and its existing contract expires on October 31, 2018. Through the RFP process, it was not selected to continue the service and it was instead awarded to another provider, Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc. on July 24, 2018.

A meeting was scheduled to discuss clinical needs of current clients in order to ensure a timely and efficient transfer between providers. At this time, Sierra Forever Families informed the county that a number of the current clients wanted to stay with their provider and did not wish to transition to the new provider. Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 438.62 California Health and Safety Code Section 1373.96, and new guidance from the Department of Health Care Services in its draft Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice, allow clients to remain with their existing provider when requested by the client and/or caregiver/guardian for a period not to exceed twelve months from the contract termination date. This new contract has been specifically created for this continuity of care request for five (5) children and families, and is limited to the current episode of care, not to exceed 12 months.

FISCAL IMPACT

The expenditures of \$98,040, with \$13,260 (13.5%) County General Fund Match, for the period of November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019 are included in the Department's FY 2018-19 Final Budget. The amount of \$84,780 is funded by State revenues.

ATTACHMENTS

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

