



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

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: September 10, 2019

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

SUBJECT: Agreement with Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento for Emergency Shelter Beds

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an agreement with the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento for emergency shelter beds in the event that other resources are at capacity, for the period of December 15, 2019 through December 14, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and subsequent amendments not to exceed \$30,000 consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work, with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

The Children's Emergency Shelter (CES) closed on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 before the January 1, 2017 deadline 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). 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. Your board has received updates and taken a number of actions to manage the changes required by CCR over the past several years, one of which was a Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 10453 in which 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 the recruitment efforts continue, it is clear that there are limited families willing to become certified foster homes for older teenagers, and for those with behavioral and mental health challenges. Your board took action on July 12, 2016 to amend the Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc. contract to provide an additional six dedicated beds for these more difficult to place youth who require emergency foster care. This setting has become licensed by the State Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing division as a Short Term Residential Treatment Placement as required, and is used when an emergency, treatment, or traditional foster home is unavailable, or when behavioral challenges of the youth are too severe to be managed in a family like setting.

Due to the County's obligations to have sufficient emergency shelter beds at all times, another provider was identified which would provide the possibility of additional placements being available, should one be open, without a financial obligation to place at times we do not need the beds. This agreement with the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento is to have another option to place children and youth in for emergency shelter beds if all Koinonia family and dedicated beds are full. The Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento has been a privately operated emergency shelter program for Sacramento County for decades, and also runs Placer County's trauma based therapeutic preschool program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this agreement will be supported through State and Federal funding, no County General Funds are required. The funds are included in the Department's FY 2019-20 Budget.

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

