



M E M O R A N D U M
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 5, 2020

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

SUBJECT: One Year Umbrella Authorization for Intensive Residential Mental Health Services

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve annual contracts with multiple entities for intensive, specialized mental health services by group home providers, in a maximum aggregate amount of \$1,500,000 by way of a maximum payment authorization established by the Auditor-Controller for FY 2020-21, approve the provider list, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign provider agreements with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to amend the list of providers as long as any amendments are reflected in the FY 2021-22 list.

BACKGROUND

The Children's System of Care is mandated by the State Department of Health Care Services to provide a range of mental health services including psychiatry, counseling and social skills training to children and youth, as well as intensive mental health services, which are most often currently delivered in group homes, which can provide services 24/7. Continuum of Care Reform has been in an implementation phase over the past several years and is still anticipated to lessen the overall numbers of children statewide who will require these intensive residential services, and lessen the time children and youth spend out of their communities, over the next several years. However, during the transition to specially trained resource families based in the community, there is a still a need for these intensive programs for very troubled youth. These programs, formerly named group homes, and now known as Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) effectively served approximately 35 Placer County youth last year from the child welfare, probation and mental health sectors. Of note, less than 3% of all Placer County youth in care require residential or congregate services, compared to a statewide standard of nearly 10%.

These contracts assure that timely and effective intensive mental health services are delivered to youth in order to limit the time and duration of residential care and to help them acquire the skills necessary to return home as quickly as possible. The STRTP providers responsible for these services are listed in Attachment A. All providers added to the annual list under the Director's amendment authority will be published to the Board by inclusion on the FY 2021-22 list.

Costs for services are based upon negotiations between the department and the STRTP provider. The budgeted amount for these mental health services is projected to be \$1,500,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these services in the amount of \$1,500,000 has been included in the Department's FY 2020-21 Requested Budget, including Federal and State funding of \$1,305,000 (87%) and a required County General Fund match of \$195,000 (13%).

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Listing of Group Homes/STRTPs Providing Day Treatment and Intensive Residential Mental Health Services

The template agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board.

Attachment 1

Group Homes/STRTPs Providing Day Treatment and Residential Mental Health Services Effective FY 2020-21

Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families

Charis Youth Center

*Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento

*Children's Home of Stockton

Fred Finch Youth Center

Koinonia Family Services, Inc.

Mountain Valley Child and Family Services Inc.

Remi Vista, Inc.

Sacramento Children's Home

Summitview Child & Family Services, Inc.

TLC Child and Family Services

Victor Treatment Centers, Inc.

*Newly added for FY 2020-21

