



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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** April 19, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Victor Community Support Services, Inc. Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Award Request for Proposal (RFP) 20266 to Victor Community Support Services, Inc. for facilitation of child and family team meetings.
2. Approve an agreement with Victor Community Support Services, Inc. for facilitation of child and family team meetings in the amount of \$595,833 for the period of May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$59,583 consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill (AB) 403, commonly known as the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), made sweeping changes to California's child welfare system. The intent of the CCR is to have children and youth, when they must live apart from their parents or guardians, live in a permanent home with a committed adult(s) who can meet their needs. The CCR changes also include, but are not limited to, providing services and supports to children, youth, and their families that reduce reliance on congregate care, thereby increasing placements in community and small home-based settings. One of the CCR's most fundamental principles is that child welfare and juvenile probation services are most effective when delivered in the context of a child or youth and family-centered, child and family team (CFT) that shares responsibility to assess, plan, intervene, monitor and refine services over time. Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 16501.1 (c) and (d) require that county placing agencies convene a CFT meeting (CFTM) to identify supports and services that are needed to achieve permanency, enable a child to live in the least restrictive family setting, and promote healthy childhood experiences. CFTMs must be held in compliance with regulatory guidelines set forth by AB403, AB153 and AB1068, and further outlined in California Department of Social Services All County Letters (ACL).

CFTMs must be convened by a trained facilitator and are encouraged to be conducted by a neutral party. While this may be a social worker from the Department who is not associated with the case, the Children's System of Care has used this model for several years now and has determined that this would function more efficiently and cost effectively through contracted

services.

Health and Human Services and Procurement worked together to develop Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 20266 to solicit competitive proposals for CFTM services, in accordance with guidelines and requirements prescribed by the CCR. The RFP was released on September 21, 2021. Three addendums were issued to clarify the RFP requirements. The RFP closed on October 28, 2021. Seven firms accessed the RFP and two submitted proposals. Both proposals submitted were determined to be responsive to the submittal requirements of the RFP and were submitted to the Evaluation Panel for review. The scores were submitted to Procurement, who compiled the scores and ranked each firm accordingly. The panel members' ranking of each firm was unanimous.

FISCAL IMPACT

The budgeted amount for these services is provided entirely by State revenues and \$45,833 is included in the Department's FY 2021-2022 Budget for the conclusion of this fiscal year. The yearly amount of \$275,000 will be included in the Department's Future Budgets each year.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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