



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Human Services Agency

DATE: September 14, 2007
BOARD MEETING DATE: October 30, 2007
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Beverly Beasley Johnson, J.D., Director, Human Services Agency
Renee Smylie, Director, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A. Waiving the Request for Proposal (RFP) process;
- B. Authorizing the execution of an Agreement with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) to provide Dependency Mediation, Community Building/Civic Engagement and Facilitation Services for the term July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, in the amount of \$132,690 of which \$61,975 is Net County Cost; and
- C. Authorizing the Director of the Human Services Agency or the Director's designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

VISION ALIGNMENT:

Commitment: Ensure basic health and safety for all.

Goal 6: Children grow up healthy in safe and supportive homes and neighborhoods.

The Agreement with PCRC contributes to this commitment and goal since PCRC will facilitate meetings that serve to protect the safety and best interests of children.

Performance Measure(s):

Measure	FY 2006-07 Actual	FY 2007-08 Projected
Percent of the unduplicated Children and Family Services cases that choose to participate in mediation and will reach an agreement.	50%	70%
Percent of participants who will report that they would recommend PCRC services to others	85%	85%

BACKGROUND:

PCRC has provided community mediation services and a variety of conflict prevention and management classes to families referred by Children and Family Services (CFS) for several years. Additionally, PCRC provides community building/civic engagement services. Civic engagement is designed to increase families' involvement in issues that affect them. PCRC provides these services to children and families at risk of abuse/neglect, domestic violence, substance abuse, homelessness and poverty.

DISCUSSION:

This Agreement with PCRC is to provide Juvenile Dependency Mediation, Community Building/Civic Engagement and Facilitation services. These programs provide parent involvement and leadership facilitators at school sites in Redwood City and Belmont. PCRC will continue to provide facilitation and administrative support to ACAT, CRP and HSA. They work with different groups in developing agenda, managing meetings, and identifying next steps. Having PCRC as a neutral agency to facilitate meetings allows the various groups to work effectively and function as an independent group.

It is in the best interest of the County to waive the RFP process since PCRC is the only agency which provides Juvenile Dependency Mediation services and has extensive experience in facilitation and civic engagement services related to issues affecting children and families at risk of abuse/neglect, domestic violence, substance abuse, homelessness and poverty.

The Contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form and Risk Management has approved Contractor's insurance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this Agreement is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The total obligation under this Agreement is \$132,690, of which \$34,155 is funded through Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) and Citizen Review Panel (CRP) allocations, \$26,560 through Child Welfare Services Funds, \$10,000 through Redesign Funds, and \$61,975 is Net County Cost. Funds have been included in the FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget.