

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 11/25/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM 788-2932 Alan Stednitz, ACCT 781-4782		
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with Seneca Family of Agencies, d.b.a. Kinship Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,233,388 to provide specialty mental health services to children/youth that are living with relatives, adopted, or being considered for adoption. All Districts.				
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with Seneca Family of Agencies, d.b.a. Kinship Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,233,388 to provide specialty mental health services to children/youth that are living with relatives, adopted, or being considered for adoption.				
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal Medi-Cal, EPSDT, Fund Center 166 - Behavioral Health and Fund Center 180 - Dept. of Social Services.	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,233,388.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,233,388.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes	
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)				
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001475			(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?		(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>12-3-13</u> Item <u>6</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown				
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts				

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 11/25/2014

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with Seneca Family of Agencies, d.b.a. Kinship Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,233,388 to provide specialty mental health services to children/youth that are living with relatives, adopted, or being considered for adoption.

DISCUSSION

Kinship Center provides specialty mental health services, medication support, and case management services to eligible children/youth that are living with relatives, adopted, or being considered for adoption, and who need outpatient services. The focus of the program is to help maintain permanency for children, to address the impacts of adoption on a child and his/her family, and to address the impacts on children being raised by a relative caregiver. These services are intended to reduce the possibility of future residential care, periodic inpatient hospitalization, placement at out-of-state facilities, or placement in a juvenile justice facility. A pilot program started in 2012 will continue with the goal of providing comprehensive assessments for youth in foster care. Appropriate specialty mental health treatment services are provided by Kinship Center to youth in foster care who meet medical necessity. Referrals for Kinship Center services primarily come from the County Department of Social Services although referrals are also made by Behavioral Health and community-based providers.

Kinship Center is located in Templeton and serves youth and families throughout the County. Services are available five days per week. In addition, Saturday hours, after-school and evening hours are available to accommodate the child and his/her family's schedule.

This year's renewal contract was delayed due to a number of factors including not receiving Kinship Center's proposed 2014-15 budget until August, and the need to process a large volume of new and renewal contracts by the Health Agency each year.

This contract contains a provision that authorizes the Health Agency Director to have the option to renew the contract at his discretion for a single one-year extension without additional approval of the Board of Supervisors. The contract renewal must be in writing and at the same funded amount for the current year, unless the Health Agency Director agrees to a rate change that falls within the change order limits of the County's Contracting for Services Policy.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget includes \$1,233,388 for the Kinship Center's contract renewal. The County Department of Social Services (DSS) provides \$111,005 to Behavioral Health in support of the Kinship contract, which is the estimated Medi-Cal match component. The children served by the program have full scope Medi-Cal. Funding for this contract is from Medi-Cal/EPSDT billings (\$1,122,383) and Realignment funds (\$111,005) from DSS. Kinship Center is only paid for actual services provided.

Program	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Budget	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Budget
Case Management Services	\$140,386	\$123,726	\$78,928	\$115,530
Mental Health Services	\$939,479	\$1,031,574	\$969,954	\$1,039,774
Medication Support Services	\$39,038	\$78,084	\$39,699	\$78,084
Total Services Cost Paid to Contractor	\$1,118,903	\$1,233,384	\$1,088,581	\$1,233,388

RESULTS

During FY 2013-14, Kinship Center provided services to up to 151 clients, with an average caseload of 17 to 21 clients per clinician. The total number of clients and average caseloads are expected to continue at approximately the same level for FY 2014-15.

Behavioral Health staff and Kinship Center will be evaluating appropriate performance measures during the year to determine if more meaningful data can be collected and reported in the future, as well as which measurable outcomes to include in future contracts for specialty mental health services for youth.

The table below presents budgeted and actual service minutes and outcomes for the period FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15.

Outcome #	Description	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budgeted	2013-14 Actual July '13 to Dec. '13	2013-14 Actual Jan. '14 to June '14	2014-15 Budgeted
	Service Minutes Provided	448,997	472,691	238,323	171,655	471,774
	Number of clients	169	190	151	117	190
1	Percent of children/youth placed with a relative caregiver (Total=113 for first half of 2013-14, 56 for second half of 2013-14) who will remain in relative caregiver home or achieve a permanency placement.	96%	90%	99.12% 112 out of 113	91.07% 51 out of 56	90%
2	Percent of individuals in the program who were not suspended or expelled from school after enrollment.	99%	90%	100% 151 out of 151	98.29% 115 out of 117	90%
3	Percent of clients ages birth to 5 years old (Total=31 for first half of 2013-14, 16 for second half of 2013-14) who demonstrate improvement at 6 month intervals during treatment and post-discharge.	No data	85%	87.10% 27 out of 31	87.50% 14 out of 16	85%

The County's support of the Kinship Center in order to provide specialty mental health services to children/youth that are living with relatives, adopted, or being considered to be adopted will continue to help achieve the County's vision of a safe and healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Kinship Center FY 2014-15 Renewal Contract