



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: June 22, 2021

Subject: Contract Renewal with Seneca Family of Agencies for Comprehensive East Bay Visitation Program Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Seneca Family of Agencies, a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$345,834, to provide comprehensive visitation services for families referred by Children and Family Services (CFS) who are entitled to reunification services for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This Contract is subject to approval by the County Administrator and approval as to form by the County Counsel. This contract may be executed retroactive to July 1, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract will increase expenditures by \$345,834 funded with 30% County General Fund and 70% State 2011 Realignment revenue.

BACKGROUND:

This contract is a result of a competitive bid process and awarded to Seneca Family of

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/22/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 22, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

Agencies (Seneca). The East Bay

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Visitation Program (EBVP) will allow CFS to follow visitation orders and mandates, utilize visitation as an opportunity to build parental capacity and strengthen family relationships, and increase successful reunification and permanency outcomes for youth in foster care. Seneca will maintain a primary East Bay Visitation Center in Antioch with four satellite visitation centers in Fairfield, Concord, San Leandro, and El Sobrante to promote maximum geographic accessibility for children and families referred by Contra Costa County.

Seneca's provision of visitation centers in the East Bay is rooted in over eight years of experience providing visitation services to San Francisco County youth and families, and their commitment to partner with child welfare departments to eliminate all barriers to family reunification and each child's right to grow up in a stable, loving, and supporting home.

The EBVP is a collaborative model between Seneca, the City and County of San Francisco, and Contra Costa County. As much as possible, services will align between the two counties. While separate agreements exist between Seneca and each county, program and policy decisions will be developed jointly.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without EBVP services and geographically accessible sites, foster youth would be at risk for experiencing disruptions to receiving high-quality, regular visitation with family.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports all five of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: 1) "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School"; 2) "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; 3) "Families that are Economically Self Sufficient"; 4) "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing"; and 5) "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families" by promoting sustainable and successful family reunification to build and support strong family relationships.