



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: December 14, 2021

Subject: Novation Contract #74-317-22 with Alternative Family Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #74-317-22 with Alternative Family Services, Inc., a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,374,404, to provide Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) services for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) youth and their families throughout Contra Costa County for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, which includes a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$687,202.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this contract will result in budgeted expenditures of up to \$1,374,404 for FY 2021-2022 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal (\$687,202) and 50% Mental Health Realignment (\$687,202) revenues.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/14/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

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

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III 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: December 14, 2021

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing MTFC services focusing on SED youth who are in foster care or in intensive treatment foster care homes, and their families, including mental health services, case management, crisis intervention, and medication support. The contractor has been providing these services since December 2007.

On January 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #74-317-20 with Alternative Family Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$653,267 for the provision of MTFC services for SED youth and their families throughout Contra Costa County, for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, which included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$326,634.

On July 13, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract Amendment Agreement #74-317-21 to increase the per minute billing rates due to COVID-19, with no change to the original payment limit of \$653,267 or term of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 and no change in the automatic extension through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$326,633.

Approval of Novation Contract #74-317-22 replaces the automatic extension in the prior contract and will allow the contractor to continue providing services through June 30, 2022.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, there will be fewer mental health services available for MTFC SED youth and families in Contra Costa County as the County solicits and engages an alternative contractor.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program supports the following Board of Supervisors' community outcomes: "Children Ready For and Succeeding in School"; "Families that are Safe, Stable, and Nurturing"; and "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families". Expected program outcomes include an increase in positive social and emotional development as measured by the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS).