



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: January 18, 2022

Subject: Novation Contract #74-586-7 with A Better Way, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Novation Contract #74-586-7 with A Better Way, Inc., a non-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, to provide mental health, case management, crisis intervention, intensive coordinated care and in-home behavioral services for children ages birth to twenty-one and their families who are residents of Contra Costa County, for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, which includes a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this contract will result in budgeted expenditures of up to \$700,000 and will be funded by 50% Federal Medi-Cal (\$350,000) and 50% Employment and Human Services Department (\$350,000). (No rate increase)

BACKGROUND:

This contract meets the social needs of the County's population by providing mental health services to adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems to improve school

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/18/2022** ☒ 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: January 18, 2022

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

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performance, reduce unsafe behavioral practices, and reduce the need for out-of-home placements.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The County has been contracting with A Better Way, Inc. since July 2018.

On December 8, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Novation Contract #74-586-5 with A Better Way, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$290,233, for the provision of mental health services to children and adolescents, and their families, who are residents of Contra Costa County, referred by Child Family Services and placed for the period from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, which included a six-month automatic extension through December 31, 2021.

On July 13, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract Amendment Agreement #74-586-6 to allow rate adjustments to provide cash flow and budget predictability due to COVID-19 with no change in the payment limit or term.

Approval of Novation Contract #74-586-7 replaces the automatic extension under the prior contract and allows the contractor to continue providing services through June 30, 2022.

The contract renewal request was delayed due to pending approval of new contract language, which has been added to all contracts to ascertain cohesiveness and alignment with State regulations.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, Contra Costa County children and their families will not have access to the contractor's services.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This program supports the following Board of Supervisors' community outcomes: "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).