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Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Human Services Agency and Ventura County Behavioral Health Directors to Sign, Two Jointly Administered Agreements, Effective July 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2025, with Kids & Families Together and Seneca Family of Agencies, in a Combined Amount Not to Exceed \$3,452,430; Authorization for the Human Services Agency and Ventura County Behavioral Health Directors to Approve and Sign Limited Modifications to the Agreements, Subject to Certain Conditions; and Authorization for Assignment of the Agreement with Kids & Families Together to PathPoint, a Non-Profit Corporation, Should Kids & Families Together Merge With PathPoint During the Contract Term.

Recommendations:

1. Approve, and authorize the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director, or designee, and Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director, or designee, to sign, two jointly administered agreements, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, with Kids & Families Together for the Therapeutic Family Support Services (TFSS) program in the amount not to exceed \$539,614 (Exhibit 1) and Seneca Family of Agencies for the Wraparound and Family Urgent Response System (FURS) program in the amount not to exceed \$2,912,816 (Exhibit 2.)
2. Authorize the HSA Director, or designee, and VCBH Director, or designee, to (a) approve modifications to decrease the amount of each agreement, (b) approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, (c) approve modifications to the Provider Service Rates that do not exceed 25% of the rates stated in the agreements and which do not increase the amount of the agreement, (d) approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, and (e) amend these agreements to revise or add language applicable to providers as required by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), subject to County Counsel review and approval.

3. Authorize assignment of the agreement with Kids & Families Together to PathPoint, a non-profit corporation, should Kids & Families Together merge with, or fold into, PathPoint, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same except for the vendor.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment, State, Realignment, County General Fund
Funding Match Required: Yes, identified below as Net County Costs
Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs (HSA Budget Division 3410):

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
Revenue:		
Direct	\$0	\$1,104,259
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,104,259
Costs:		
Direct	\$0	\$1,852,642
Indirect	\$0	Minimal
Total Costs	\$0	\$1,852,642
Net County Cost	\$0	\$748,383

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs (VCBH Budget Division 3200):

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
Revenue:		
Direct	\$0	\$1,599,788
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,599,788
Costs:		
Direct	\$0	\$1,599,788
Indirect	\$0	Minimal
Total Costs	\$0	\$1,599,788
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2024-25 Preliminary Budgets for HSA and VCBH. The total amount of these two agreements will not exceed \$3,452,430, with a Net County Cost of \$748,383.

Discussion:

The Therapeutic Family Support Services (TFSS) program provides therapeutic family support services to families in crisis by improving parenting and family functioning. TFSS services include therapeutic intervention and modeling to help improve parent-child

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interactions and ongoing attachment via licensed, unlicensed registered, or waived clinical professionals in a safe and natural environment, and consist of parent support groups, therapy sessions and visitation services with a coaching component for treatment of anxiety or other mental health disorders. Therapists provide services in the family's home to allow parents to engage with their children in situations that closely mirror the reality of home life. Of the families whose TFSS services concluded at any time between January 2022 and March 2023, 100% experienced no reentry into the child welfare system within 12 months of ending services.

Wraparound is an intensive, family-centered, strengths-based, trauma-informed planning and support process that takes place in a team setting, where children and families participate in partnership with practitioners to achieve goals related to safety, permanency and well-being. Wraparound shifts focus away from a traditional service-driven, problem-based approach to care, and instead follows a culturally relevant, strengths-based, needs-driven approach. Of the families whose Wraparound services concluded at any time between January and December 2022, 90% experienced no reentry into the child welfare system within 12 months of ending services.

Family Urgent Response System (FURS) provides services to current and former foster youth and their foster parents/caregivers who are experiencing crisis or emotional, physical, or behavioral distress through phone response, in-person mobile response, triage services, follow-up support, and referrals to an array of services. The program is available 24x7x365 to ensure immediate response when needs arise. FURS has successfully served dozens of local families this past year. The Governor's May Revision continues to propose elimination of the program due to budget shortfalls; your Board has registered opposition to this cut. Any state funding reductions will result in commensurate contract reductions. The FURS program makes up 18% of the \$2.9 M contract with Seneca, and the remaining services of Wraparound would continue.

HSA-Children & Family Services and Health Care Agency-VCBH jointly oversee these programs, which streamlines service delivery and enhances monitoring and record keeping. These programs are being renewed with Kids & Families Together and Seneca Family of Agencies based upon successful performance of the current year's agreements.

Kids & Families Together

One contract is with Kids & Families Together, a non-profit corporation (Therapeutic Family Support Services). The probability exists that Kids & Families Together will either merge with, or fold into, PathPoint, another non-profit corporation. HSA and VCBH have been in communication with PathPoint and PathPoint has expressed interest in continuing the contracted services should a merge or fold occur. To avoid any interruption in services, we are seeking your Board's authorization to assign the agreement with Kids & Families Together to PathPoint, should Kids & Families Together merge with or fold into PathPoint during the contract term.

Strategic Plan:

These programs contribute to the Board of Supervisors' 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priorities to 'Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable', Goal (2) Meet/sustain basic needs and be a reliable safety net for our vulnerable populations.

We ask that your Board approve these agreements. We also ask your Board to delegate authority to the HSA and VCBH Directors, or designees, to modify the agreements within the parameters described in recommendation two. Both agreements have been reviewed to ensure that the services to be provided will not replace nor reassign the work of existing County employees.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Livingston at 805-477-5301, or Dr. Loretta Denering at 805-981-2214.



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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Kids & Families Together – Therapeutic Family Support Services

Exhibit 2 – Seneca Family of Agencies – Wraparound and Family Urgent Response System