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Board of Supervisors  
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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, 2023, Through June 30, 2024, with Kids & Families Together and Seneca Family of Agencies, in a Combined Amount Not to Exceed \$3,347,777; and 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.

**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, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with Kids & Families Together for the Therapeutic Family Support Services (TFSS) program in the amount not to exceed \$600,000 (Exhibit 1) and Seneca Family of Agencies for the Wraparound and Family Urgent Response System (FURS) program in the amount not to exceed \$2,747,777 (Exhibit 2.)
2. Authorize the HSA Director, or designee, and VCBH Director, or designee, to approve and sign modifications to the agreements to (a) decrease, or increase up to ten percent (10%), the amount of each agreement, (b) approve corrections, clarifications, technical changes and modifications to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval, (c) modify the respective HSA and VCBH contribution portions within each agreement, (d) extend the time for performance not to exceed a cumulative six-month period, (e) approve modifications to the Provider Service Rates and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes Table in the agreements that do not increase the amount of the agreements, and (f) amend these agreements to revise or add language applicable to providers as required by the California Department of Health Care Services, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory: No  
Source of Funding: Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C) and 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), 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):**

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$1,074,405
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,074,405</b>
<b>Costs:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$1,792,935
Indirect	\$0	Minimal
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,792,935</b>
<b>Net County Cost</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$718,530</b>

**Summary of Revenue and Total Costs (VCBH):**

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$1,554,842
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,554,842</b>
<b>Costs:</b>		
Direct	\$0	\$1,554,842
Indirect	\$0	Minimal
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,554,842</b>
<b>Net County Cost</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2023-24 Preliminary Budgets for HSA and VCBH. The total amount of these two agreements will not exceed \$3,347,777, with a Net County Cost of \$718,530.

**Discussion:**

The 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 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. The TFSS program was developed in 2021. Since July 2022, 63 families have received services through TFSS.

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. 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. Wraparound has been in existence for several years, while FURS was developed in 2021. Since July 2022, 58 families have received services through Wraparound and 41 have received services and referrals through FURS.

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 upon successful performance of the current year's agreements.

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 Scott Gilman at 805-973-5357.



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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