

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 16, 2020 Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department
Submitted By: Youth Services Department
Submitted For: Outreach and Community Programming Division

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

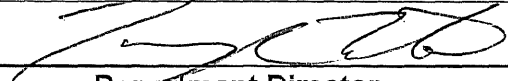
- A) a Interagency Agreement #YLJ76 with the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), effective October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2025, to certify local funds as a State match, for reimbursement of eligible expense consistent with Title IV-E under the Social Security Act, at no additional cost to the County;
- B) a Community Based Agency Contract with The Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS), for the period July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2023, to provide adoption assistance services to eligible residents; and
- C) a Budget Transfer of \$12,500 in the General Fund from the Head Start Match reallocation (Unit 1451) for evidence-based/promising programming to fund the cost associated with this Contract.

Summary: Since December 2016, the Board has approved agreements, as amended, with both DCF and CHS, to allow CHS to provide adoption assistance services, and for the County to certify local funds as a State match, for reimbursement from DCF of eligible expenses consistent with Title IV-E under the Social Security Act; the DCF agreement included automatic annual renewals and the contracts with CHS included services through June 30, 2020. The DCF informed the Youth Services Department that they are changing current agreements statewide with all parties receiving federal funding reimbursement under Title IV-E. The term of this new Interagency Agreement is five (5) years with an optional five (5) year renewal, and it includes updates for funding and reporting reimbursement requirements. Upon final approval it will also automatically terminate the current Agreement (R2018-1929). This new Contract with CHS allows CHS to continue providing the adoption assistance services. Adoption assistance services are designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care/dependency system, and assist children in their transition to a successful and lifelong adoptive setting. This new Contract with CHS includes reporting measurements specific to CHS and the work performed. After completion of each contract year, a report will be developed detailing CHS's progress in meeting their performance measurements. The effective date of service for this Interagency Agreement submitted for approval is prior to this meeting date. Countywide (HH)

Background and Justification: On December 6, 2016, August 15, 2017, and December 4, 2018, the Board approved an Inter-Agency Agreement, Amendment #0001 and Amendment #0002 (R2016-1826, R2017-1087, R2018-1929), respectively, with the DCF, under which the County submits requests for the allowable reimbursement by DCF for the pre- and post-adoption services paid to CHS. Also, the Board previously approved Contracts/Amendments with CHS to provide the eligible adoption services ongoing since December 2016, through June 30, 2020. This new Interagency Agreement with DCF revises the term to certify reimbursement for Title IV-E residents and updates required reporting requirements. This new Contract with CHS allows for continued adoption assistance services until September, 2023. The Board, through the Youth Services Department, was approved for funding for adoption assistance services by DCF. These services will be provided by CHS located in Palm Beach County and the County will submit requests for the allowable reimbursement by DCF.

Attachments:

1. Interagency Agreement #YLJ76 with the Florida Department of Children and Families
2. Community Based Agency Contract with The Children's Home Society of Florida
3. Budget Transfer

Recommended by:  9/15/2020
 Department Director Date

Approved by:  9/15/2020
 Assistant County Administrator Date

