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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
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CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT AWARDS

Dear Members of the Board:

On April 21, 1998 your Board authorized the Human Resources Agency (HRA) to issue Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the Child Welfare Services Title IV-E Program and the State Family Preservation Program. As you will recall, these programs support the efforts of HRA's Child Welfare Services units by providing contracted services for prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, prevention of foster care placement, or reduction in the length of time children are in out-of-home care. Appropriations and funding for these services are included in I-IRA's FY 1998/99 budget. The purpose of this letter is to present HRA's recommendations for the awards of contracts.

For the Title IV-E Program, HRA received proposals from two organizations: the Parents Center and Triad Community Services. The proposals were evaluated by a Proposal Review Committee composed of HRA staff and a community representative who is knowledgeable in children's services. While both proposals were reasonable and responsive to the RFP, the Review Committee determined that the Parents Center currently has the strongest qualifications, experience, and administrative capability for the successful delivery of these contracted services. HRA is recommending that your Board approve a contract with the Parents Center in the amount of \$140,000 for FY 98/99. Through the Title IV-E program, the Parents Center will provide specialized counseling, a parental stress hotline, and family care worker services to clients referred by HRA's CWS staff. Funding for this contract is provided through a portion of HRA's annual CWS allocation and federal child welfare services funds.

For the State Family Preservation Program, the Mondanaro-Baskin Center, a component of Janus of Santa Cruz, was the only organization to submit a proposal. The proposal was evaluated by the Proposal Review Committee, which determined that the Mondanaro-Baskin Center has the qualifications, experience, and administrative capability to successfully provide the required services. HRA is recommending that your Board approve a contract with the Mondanaro-Baskin Center in the amount of \$45,000 for FY 98/99. Through this contract, the Mondanaro-Baskin

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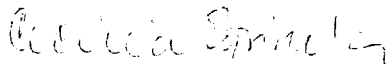
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Center will provide individual, family, and substance abuse counseling and parenting skills instruction for families participating in the Family Preservation Program. Funding for this contract is provided through HRA's annual State Family Preservation allocation and federal family preservation funds.

HRA is currently working with the Parents Center and the Mondanaro-Baskin Center to develop FY 98/99 agreements for these two programs. We propose to return to your Board on June 23, 1998 for approval of the necessary agreements.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board direct the HRA Administrator to develop agreements with the Parents Center and the Mondanaro-Baskin Center to provide Title IV-E Child Welfare Services and State Family Preservation Services, respectively; and to return to your Board on June 23, 1998 for approval of the agreements.

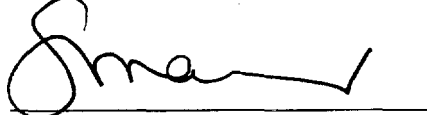
Very truly yours,



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RECOMMENDED



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