

September 14, 2010

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

SUBJECT: Division of Social Services, Agreement with Novato Human Needs Center for FY10-11 in the amount of \$58,065 to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention services (Renewal)

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve and authorize President to sign agreement with Novato Human Needs Center for FY10-11 in the amount of \$58,065 to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention services.

SUMMARY: The Novato Human Needs Center (NHNC) provides child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention services for monolingual Hispanic families and children in Marin County. NHNC's Amigos de la Familia program prevents child abuse and neglect through a comprehensive program of family support, combining in-home visiting with resource-center based services.

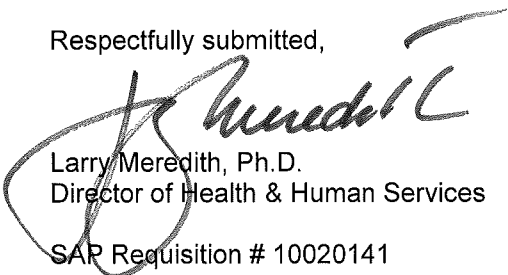
CONTRACT PERFORMANCE: NHNC has proven to be effective in preventing or reducing child abuse and neglect. The contractor provided services to 40 at-risk families in FY 09-10. These services were provided to 152 family members. Case management services included over 350 home visits, and providing over 900 contacts for information and referrals. Services provided by assigned case managers include transportation assistance, emergency food and funds, rental vouchers, and crisis intervention. Over 7,000 individual contacts were recorded by staff.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: The services provided by NHNC have proven effective in preventing and reducing child abuse and neglect in Marin County. These services enhance overall family stability and increase health and well-being. As a result of these services, children and families are now healthier and experiencing a more nurturing home environment.

STAFFING/FISCAL IMPACT: This amount has been budgeted for FY10-11 in budget center 1000052000. There is no net additional cost associated with this program.

REVIEWED BY:	Department of Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,


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