

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: HLT 2673 (Maternal, Infant and Child Home Visiting)

Recommendation:

Approve Inter-Agency Subcontract Agreement 16-46-HEA-02 between Cochise Health & Social Services (CHSS) and Child and Family Resources, Inc. (CFR), for the Maternal Infant and Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV), effective 4/1/2016, for the period 4/1/2016 - 9/30/2016, contract not to exceed \$7,850.00.

HISTORY

ADHS MIECHV funds coordination services for a collaboration of the Strong Families Home Visiting Collaboration in Cochise County. Supervisors and workers from six different agencies and programs attend monthly collaboration meetings to discuss and plan for the needs of families with young children and the ability of current home visiting programs to meet these needs. Collaborating agencies/programs include: Cochise Health & Social Services, UofA Cooperative Extension, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, Child & Family Resources, Inc., Fort Huachuca Parent Support Program and Child Parent Centers of AZ.

Collaboration efforts include: an informal referral process among all programs and addressing duplication of services, in order to make sure all eligible families in Cochise County can access home visiting services, training for home visiting staff and improving the working relationships with other community resources and systems that serve families including child protective services, behavioral health services and the justice system.

The Coordinator position, funded by ADHS MIECHV, performs many functions including running the monthly meetings, outreach and recruitment for all programs, providing community marketing to raise awareness of availability of home visiting services and the planning and scheduling of trainings for home visiting staff and families.

Proposed subcontract: Child & Family Resources, Inc. has special expertise and a formal partnership with Canyon Vista Medical Center (CVMC) to recruit women to enroll in the home visiting program at the time of labor & delivery at CVMC. The Strong Families Collaboration would like to make use of this expertise in order to improve recruitment of families and spread referrals for enrollment evenly across all collaborating home visiting programs. In order to do this, we will reduce our grant-funded CHSS Coordinator position to 25 hours per week and subcontract with CFR for 15 hours per week. The Coordinator positions at both agencies will work together to ensure even distribution of referrals across all home visiting programs.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

All costs of the proposed subcontract will be funded by the MIECHV IGA ADHS16-118442, which is a grant-funded, cost reimbursement program from the Arizona Department of Health Services. The entire MIECHV award to CHSS is in the amount of \$102,000. This IGA was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 9, 2016.

Your approvals are respectfully requested.

Impact of Not Approving:

Without approval of this subcontract, the Cochise Strong Families Home Visiting Collaboration will be limited in the scope of recruitment of referrals for all collaboration partners.