

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**SUBJECT: FAMILY PRESERVATION COURT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2005/2006
FISCAL YEAR—AMENDMENT #1**

3. Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to sign any ministerial amendments with Mental Health Systems, not to exceed the maximum amount of the Agreement (\$900,000); and
4. Authorizes the Director of DPSS to administer the Agreement with Mental Health Systems.

BACKGROUND:

On July 5, 2005, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) issued a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals for Family Court Preservation Court services for East Indio, Southwest County, and the Riverside Metro area. There were 63 hits on the County Purchasing Web Site for this bid. Additionally, DPSS mailed six RFPs to specific vendors. The County received only one bid for the proposed services, which was Mental Health Systems, Inc. The bidder was found to be both responsive and responsible, and was recommended for the contract award.

On December 6, 2005 (Agenda Item 3.18), the Honorable Board executed an agreement on behalf of the Department of Public Social Services to enter into an agreement with Mental Health Systems to provide Family Court Preservation Court services for East Indio, Southwest County, and the Riverside Metro area.

DPSS Children Services Division received \$500,000 augmentation funding from California State Department of Social Services for services to Promote Safe and Stable Families (PSSF). The attached agreement is an extension of existing services solicited through the RFP process of July 5, 2005. These services expand and enhance the services of Family Preservation Court for families in Dependency Court; enhance the ability of the Dependency Court to provide drug treatment as an alternative to loss of child custody; and facilitate data collection to facilitate a rigorous process and outcome evaluation, which informs local and state governance about the efficacy and cost savings associated with the Family Preservation Court program.

PSSF augmentation funding has a limited timeframe and must be spent by June 30, 2006.

FINANCIAL DATA:

There is no financial impact to the County General Fund. Because this is new funding, we request appropriations to allow encumbrance of the purchase order.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: County Purchasing
County Counsel

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