



**AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

<b>ITEM TITLE</b> Approve a \$248,700 contract with LaFrance Associates to provide technical assistance and evaluation of the Nurse Family Partnership home visitation program to prevent child maltreatment for the period December 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011		<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>  November 23, 2010	<b>AGENDA NUMBER</b>  8
<b>Dept:</b> <b>Contact:</b> <b>Phone:</b>	Health and Social Services Jill Cook, Administrator Public Health Division 784-8616	<b>Supervisorial District Number</b> All	
<b>Published Notice Required?</b>		<b>Yes:</b> _____	<b>No:</b> <u>  X  </u>
<b>Public Hearing Required?</b>		<b>Yes:</b> _____	<b>No:</b> <u>  X  </u>

**DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) recommends the Board approve a \$248,700 contract with LaFrance Associates (LFA) to continue to provide technical assistance and evaluation for the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) home visitation program to prevent child maltreatment for the period December 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

**SUMMARY:**

In October 2008, H&SS was awarded a five-year grant in the amount of \$1,347,863 to plan, support, and evaluate Solano's NFP program in comparison to other Solano County home visiting programs. The grant was awarded for the period September 30, 2008 through September 30, 2013.

The first year of the grant was used to develop a sustainable funding and implementation plan for the NFP program and to develop a rigorous evaluation plan. Year two of the grant was used for program implementation. A NFP supervisor and four PHNs were hired, outreach activities were conducted and the program started accepting referrals.

Through a Request for Proposal (RFP), LFA was awarded the evaluation contract for FY2008/09 and FY2009/10 to develop the implementation and evaluation plan. Three proposals were submitted and evaluated by a selection committee and LFA was selected as the strongest proposal due to their qualification and extensive experience in Solano County in the evaluation of programs for children 0-5. This contract is for the implementation of the approved second year of the evaluation plan.

**FINANCING:**

H&SS was awarded a five-year grant from September 30, 2008 through September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$1,347,863 to plan, support, and evaluate Solano's NFP program in comparison

to other Solano County home visiting programs. The costs for this contract will be reimbursed from the NFP grant. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

The NFP model provides low-income first-time mothers and families with intensive home visiting, education and family support to improve pregnancy outcomes, child health and development and families' economic self-sufficiency to improve school readiness, family functioning, positive life outcomes for children and mothers and childhood injury rates. Research has shown that home visitation by trained nurses in programs with strong performance monitoring and management systems can reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect and improve other life outcomes for mothers and their children. On March 15, 2010, the NFP program was implemented, and to date, NFP has received 200 referrals and enrolled 85 clients.

Under this contract, LFA will implement the evaluation plan including data collection, analysis and reporting. The evaluation plan was approved by the Federal government in the first year of the federal grant.

The contractor's duties will include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Conduct evaluation meetings with community partners to develop agreed upon process for referring clients to NFP once capacity has been reached;
- (2) Develop key informant interview protocols for assessment of program development, partnership functioning, funding and local cross site evaluation;
- (3) Develop data collection forms to gather process measures and finalize outcome data collection instruments;
- (4) Conduct approximately 30 key informant interviews; identify final list of case study informants with participants who are involved in the foster care system;
- (5) Data collection and analysis for process outcomes, child and family outcomes and cost benefit analysis;
- (6) Prepare descriptive comparisons for outcomes between the NFP program and each of the other home visiting programs;
- (7) Provide reporting materials to support H&SS quarterly review of program implementation progress and annual report to the Health Resources and Services Administration;
- (8) Facilitate meetings with the NFP community Board;
- (9) Meet with federal partners, attend grantee meetings.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose not to approve the contract with LFA. This is not recommended because evaluation is a required component of the Federal Evidence Based Home Visiting grant. The Contractor has been working on the project and is knowledgeable in the required elements for the evaluation and is prepared to do the data collection and analysis.

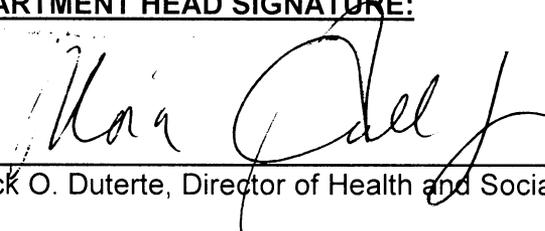
**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

First 5 Solano along with a wide variety of other community-based organizations have been involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation activities of the NFP program. Community partners will continue to be involved in a NFP community board to oversee implementation and evaluation of the program.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENT  
RECOMMENDATION

**DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:**



Patrick O. Duterte, Director of Health and Social Services

11/9/10  
Date

**Attachment A:** Contract, pages 4 - 28