



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
November 20, 2007

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Contracts: Counseling Services for Attendance Centers

Location/Council District: Districts 1 and 4

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution 1)** authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts with the following organizations, in the not to exceed amount as stated, and with a total not to exceed amount of \$225,800, for the period November 26, 2007 to June 13, 2008, to provide counseling services to truant students and their families at Inderkum, McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools' Attendance Centers: EMQ Children and Family Services (\$64,568), Another Choice Another Chance (\$62,783), La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. (\$65,000). The contracts with Southeast Asian Vision for Education (S.A.V.E.) and The Dream Collective will not exceed 33,449.

Contact: Daniel Hahn, Captain, 808-0310

Presenters: N/A

Department: Police, Parks and Recreation

Division: Special Investigations and Office of Youth and Development Services

Organization No: 2142 and 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Sacramento Police Department and the Department of Parks and Recreation would like to provide necessary counseling services for truant students and their families at the Attendance Centers at Inderkum, McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools for the remainder of the 2007/08 school year.

Policy Considerations: The purpose of the proposed contract is consistent with the goals of the Office of Youth Development as well as the City Council's strategic plan for public safety.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the

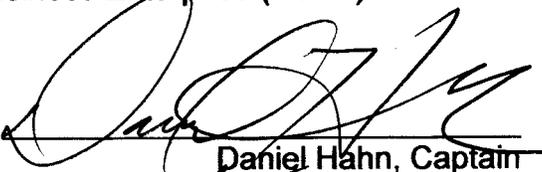
Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: Truancy is usually a symptom of other problems. Adding a counseling component to these Attendance Centers will provide an opportunity to delve deeper into the issues impacting the lives of youth who are perpetually truant. The overall aim of the Attendance Centers is to provide truant students with the support they need to create a more promising future. Counseling services at these Attendance Centers would also align with the City Council's strategic plan for public safety.

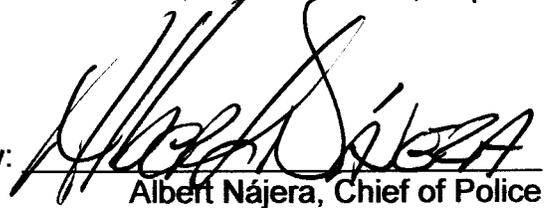
Financial Considerations: The combined contract total will be an amount not to exceed \$225,800. Funding for the operation of up to three attendance centers was approved by the City Council on May 29, 2007 (Resolution 2007-338, FY 2007/08).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Another Choice Another Chance is certified as an Emerging/Small Business Enterprise (ESBE).

Respectfully Submitted by:


Daniel Hahn, Captain

Approved by:


Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

The Sacramento Police Department and the Department of Parks and Recreation have recognized a need for counseling services at the Attendance Centers for Inderkum, McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools. Inderkum High School is part of the Natomas Unified School District. McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools are part of the Sacramento City Unified School District.

The Attendance Centers operate from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday throughout the school year. Officers bring truant students to the centers. Upon arrival, the center staff verifies attendance records and other information. The student then meets with a social worker to determine underlying issues causing the truancy. The young person's family is contacted and their involvement is encouraged. The family works together with the social worker to provide solutions. If needed, home visits are conducted.

The Centers currently operate with clerical staff and social workers provided by the Department of Human Assistance and the Sacramento City Unified School District. Additional counselors are needed to bolster the efforts and effectiveness of existing staff at the centers.

In May of 2007, the City Council increased the operating budget for the Office of Youth and Development (Resolution 2007-338, FY 2007/08) for the purpose of funding up to three attendance centers.

In late September 2007, the Special Investigations Division of the Police Department worked with Procurement Services to solicit bids for the proposed counseling services. A workshop was held on October 8, 2007, to answer any questions. The deadline for the submission of bids was October 19, 2007. A total of thirteen applicants submitted proposals (Attachment 3). A committee was selected and applicants were chosen based on criteria provided in the addendum and the RFP. This criteria included how qualified the organization was, their experiences working with youth and truancy, the diverse populations they have served, and how innovative and feasible their plan for counseling was.

EMQ Children and Family Services was selected to be the primary provider of counseling services at the Inderkum High School Attendance Center. Another Choice Another Chance was selected to be the primary contractor at Luther Burbank High School, and La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. was selected to be the primary

contractor at McClatchy High School. S.A.V.E and The Dream Collective will be secondary contractors used on an as-needed basis at all of the centers. These two organizations possess specific expertise which will be used for those students and families in need of additional services.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**CONTRACT FOR COUNSELING SERVICES AT ATTENDANCE CENTERS AT
INDERKUM, MCCLATCHY AND LUTHER BURBANK HIGH SCHOOLS**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento Police Department and the Department of Parks and Recreation have recognized a need for counseling services at Inderkum, McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools' Attendance Centers. Inderkum High School is part of the Natomas Unified School District. McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools are both part of the Sacramento City Unified School District.
- B. The Special Investigations Division of the Police Department worked with Procurement Services to solicit bids for the proposed counseling services. A total of thirteen agencies submitted bids. EMQ Children and Family Services was chosen to provide services at the Inderkum Attendance Center. Another Choice Another Chance was selected for Luther Burbank High School's Attendance Center. La Familia was selected for McClatchy's Attendance Center. Southeast Asian Vision Education (S.A.V.E.), and The Dream Collective will be secondary contractors used on an as-needed basis at all of the centers.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or a designated representative, has the authority to execute contracts with the following organizations, in the not to exceed amount as stated, and with a total not to exceed amount of \$225,800, for the period November 26, 2007 to June 13, 2008, to provide counseling services to truant students and their families at Inderkum, McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools' Attendance Centers: EMQ Children and Family Services (\$64,568), Another Choice Another Chance (\$62,783) and La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. (\$65,000). The contracts with S.A.V.E. and The Dream Collective will not exceed \$33,449.

Attachment 3

Submitted Proposals

The following proposals were submitted:

Another Choice Another Chance
Children's Family Institute
CrossOver POWER Forward Program
EMQ Children and Family Services
La Familia Counseling Center, Inc.
People Reaching Out
Quality Group Homes, Inc.
Sacramento Children's Home
Southeast Asian Vision for Education (S.A.V.E.)
Stanford Home
Strategies for Change
Terra Nova Counseling
The Dream Collective

Pending Approval by Council, Contracts will be awarded to:

Another Choice Another Chance
La Familia Counseling Center, Inc.
EMQ Children and Family Services
Southeast Asian Vision for Education (S.A.V.E.)

The Dream Collective