



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS

ECAF: 22-1250 and 22-1251

Proposal: Motions 22-523 and 22-524

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Date: December 6, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motions 22-523 and 22-524 which would approve and authorize agreements for legal services between the County and Kari Petrasek and Nancy Beckford for representation of juveniles in child dependency proceedings.

Background

[RCW 13.34.212](#) states that the court shall appoint an attorney for a child twelve (12) years of age and over in dependency proceedings six (6) months after granting a petition to terminate the parent and child relationship pursuant to [RCW 13.34.180](#).

OPD has a history of contracting with Kari Petrasek and Nancy Beckford to provide these legal services and there is mutual interest in continuing those agreements.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-523 approves an agreement with Kari Petrasek. Motion 22-524 approves an agreement with Nancy Beckford. Both agreements are for legal services in juvenile child dependency cases.

Duration: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Two (2) one-year extensions allowed. Termination allowed for cause or with thirty-days written notice.

Fiscal Implications: Not-to-exceed \$75,000 for each agreement. The \$75,000 in funding is paid in monthly installments of \$6,250 contingent upon County review and approval of Caseload Reports.

2023 Budget: YES

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: EXPEDITE

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: YES

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Request: Move both motions to GLS on December 14th for Council to consider taking action.