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Good morning, Supervisors. I am submitting comment on the Aug. 18 consent calendar, item C21: Ratify Services Agreement with Aurora Health Group on behalf of the California Department of Health Care Services for the ACEs Aware Grant.

I want to congratulate the County of Humboldt's Public Health Branch on their successful application and award of the ACEs Aware Grant, offered through California's Office of the Surgeon General. Your Board has long recognized the importance of childhood experiences on lifelong health and has taken a proactive approach to addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

With First 5 Humboldt and Humboldt State University, Humboldt's Public Health took leadership in putting together a multi-county, multi-agency application. While several counties in the state submitted multi-agency applications, Humboldt's was unique in the depth and breadth of its collaboration. The Hoopa Tribal Education Association also received an ACEs Aware Grant for work through K'ima:w Medical Center. Humboldt's spirit of collaboration and common purpose is a reason for celebration and makes our county a leader in ACEs prevention and resilience promotion!

I am lucky enough to serve on the California Surgeon General's Trauma-Informed Primary Care Workgroup and serve as co-chair of her Network of Care committee. From that broad perspective on ACEs work in California, I believe it is the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors' leadership which has fostered the growth of ACEs awareness and the deep engagement in Humboldt. Just this most recent round of grants has brought a total of more than \$380,000 to serve Humboldt County residents with a variety of ACEs-related projects.

Congratulations to Public Health, Humboldt State University, and the Hoopa Tribal Education Association on their grant awards! And congratulations to your Board for your vision. Supervisors so often have immediate challenges to be solved. It is a measure of your leadership that you have also taken a proactive role in addressing the future health and well-being of Humboldt's residents in regards to Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Respectfully and with appreciation,

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