



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/23/2020

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File #: 20-710

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Social Services

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Agreement with Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) and the Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Services (DHHS-CWS) for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the agreement with CSSP for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to serve as the third-party monitor in connection with the stipulated judgment entered into between the Attorney General of the State of California, DHHS-CWS, and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) in an amount not to exceed \$343,363; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to route the fully executed agreement to the DHHS -Contract Unit for further processing.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Social Services Fund

**DISCUSSION:**

On Feb. 14, 2018, DHHS-CWS and HCSO entered into a Stipulation for Entry of Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction with the Attorney General of the State of California. Pursuant to that stipulated judgment, DHHS-CWS and HCSO are required to obtain the services of a third-party compliance monitor to review their progress and report to the Attorney General for the duration of the 3-year term of the judgment. Consequently, DHHS-CWS and HCSO thereafter entered into an agreement with CSSP for the purposes of monitoring for the period of April 14, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and again for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The choice of monitor was a collaboration with DHHS-CWS, HCSO, and the Attorney General.

Approval of the agreement with CSSP for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will fulfill year 3 of the reporting and monitoring requirements set forth in the stipulated judgment. The agreement will allow DHHS-CWS and HCSO to continue to evaluate their progress and take corrective action as

needed to fully comply with the stipulated judgment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The costs associated with the CSSP agreement is \$343,363, and will reside in Fund 1160, Budget Unit 508. In the previous agreement, the HCSO portion was estimated at 30% while the remaining 70% was to be the responsibility of DHHS-CWS. Actual HCSO costs for this contract period will be identified and reimbursed to DHHS through the Sheriff's Operations Fund 1100, Budget Unit 221. The cost of the agreement was included in the proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Funding for this agreement is a combination of federal, state, and local dollars, with no impact on funding for program purposes. There is no impact to the county General Fund.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health outcomes for vulnerable populations.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

California Attorney General, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board could choose not to approve the agreement, which would jeopardize meeting the requirements of the stipulated judgment with the Attorney General of the State of California. This alternative is not recommended.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agreement with Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Services for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: C-41

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