

# **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

For the meeting of: 6/11/2019

File #: 19-699

**To:** Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

**Agenda Section:** Consent

## SUBJECT:

Agreement with Changing Tides Family Services for Stage One Child Care Services for CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work and Cal-Learn Participants for Fiscal Year 2019-20

# RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached Agreement with Changing Tides Family Services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 to provide Stage One child care services to all CalWORKs and Cal-Learn recipients who are referred by Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,121,999; and
- 2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to route the executed agreement to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Contract Unit for further processing.

#### SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, the State of California has instructed all counties to create and implement a County Plan to provide all applicants for, and recipients of, Cash Aid with the opportunity to obtain employment by offering a full range of employment training and supportive services, consistent with the needs of participants, that allow for informed choices in order to meet their employment goals.

The County CalWORKs Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 16, 1997 (item G-1). The plan includes the administration of child care services for all clients referred by the Department of Health and Human Services who are determined eligible for Cash Aid through the CalWORKs program and Cal-Learn (a subset of CalWORKs) to be subcontracted with Changing Tides Family Services. Changing Tides Family Services, formerly the Humboldt Child Care Council, has provided the management of Stage One child care services under the CalWORKs program since its implementation in 1997. On May 15, 2018 (Item C-10), the Board of Supervisors approved a new agreement with Changing Tides Family Services for the same assistance and services through FY 2018

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-19. This agreement expires on June 30, 2019. DHHS-Social Services desires Changing Tides Family Services to continue providing supportive services during FY 2019-20 to CalWORKs participating families seeking employment.

Therefore, DHHS-Social Services recommends that the Board approve the agreement with Changing Tides Family Services for FY 2019-20 to provide Stage One child care services to all CalWORKs and Cal-Learn recipients who are referred by Social Services.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for the agreement with Changing Tides Family Services is provided through one of the four components of CalWORKs allocation received from the State Department of Social Services. These are a combination of Federal and State dollars. The total budget for the Stage One child care agreement is \$1,121,999 and is included in the proposed FY 2019-20 budget in Fund 1160, Budget Unit 505. Of that total, \$819,563 is allocated to reimburse Changing Tides Family Services for child care vouchers. The remaining \$302,436 of the budget is for child care support services and administrative costs, and will not exceed 27 percent of the total actual expenditures. Actual expenditures equal the sum of the total child care vouchers plus other Changing Tides Family Services costs for the period of the contract. There is no impact to the county's General Fund.

### STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Changing Tides Family Services

# ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to not approve the agreement; however DHHS-Social Services does not recommend this option because child care services would not be provided to participants and would cause a barrier to the CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work and Cal-Learn program activities.

# ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement with Changing Tides Family Services for Stage One Child Care Services for CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work and Cal-Learn Participants for Fiscal Year 2019-20

### PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: G-1; D-13; D-7; C-34; C-18; C-20; C-21; C-27; C-13; C-9; C-14; C-10

Meeting of: 12/16/97; 5/27/08; 6/9/09; 6/22/10; 6/14/11; 6/26/12; 6/25/13; 6/24/14; 5/12/15; 6/7/16;

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