



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 2/23/2021

File #: 21-173

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Child Support Services Regarding Continued Access to the State of California's Child Support Enforcement System

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Waive the requirements of the Humboldt County Nuclear-Free Ordinance with regard to the attached memorandum of understanding with the California Department of Child Support Services;
2. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached memorandum of understanding with the California Department of Child Support Services regarding continued access to the State of California's Child Support Enforcement System for the period of Feb. 23, 2021 through Feb. 22, 2024; and
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached memorandum of understanding with the California Department of Child Support Services, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund 1160

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to applicable local, state and federal requirements, individuals receiving, or applying for, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Cal-Learn (CalWORKs) and Medi-Cal program benefits must provide information regarding non-custodial, or absent, parents of aided children to the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS). Such information, which is kept in the Child Support Enforcement System, is utilized by DCSS to obtain federal reimbursement of the funds used to support the CalWORKs and Medi-Cal programs.

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services (DHHS - Social Services) utilizes the information contained in the Child Support Enforcement System to ensure the

proper calculation of CalWORKs benefits provided to individuals and families residing in Humboldt County. The attached memorandum of understanding with DCSS will allow DHHS - Social Services to continue to access the Child Support Enforcement System for the period of Feb. 23, 2021 through Feb. 22, 2024.

Accordingly, DHHS - Social Services recommends that the Board authorize the DHHS - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached memorandum of understanding with DCSS regarding continued access to the State of California's Child Support Enforcement System for the period of Feb. 23, 2021 through Feb. 22, 2024. Staff also recommends that the Board authorize the DHHS - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached memorandum of understanding with DCSS, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in accessing the State of California's Child Support Enforcement System.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no direct costs associated with the attached memorandum of understanding with DCSS regarding continued access to the State of California's Child Support Enforcement System, though continued access to the system will the state to obtain federal reimbursement, which in turn supports county programming. As a result, approval of the attached memorandum of understanding with DCSS will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Child Support Services

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached memorandum of understanding with DCSS regarding continued access to the State of California's Child Support Enforcement System. However, this alternative is not recommended since it will severely limit DHHS - Social Services' ability to complete eligibility casework for the CalWORKs program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Child Support Services Regarding Continued Access to the State of California's Child Support Enforcement System

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-22
Meeting of: July 11, 2017
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