



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/19/2025

File #: 25-856

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Child Support Services

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Resolution to change the name of North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCRDCSS) to Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency (HTCSA)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to change the name of North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCRDCSS) to Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency; and
2. Recognize Bennett Hoffmann as the Director of Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency; and
3. Authorize the attached logo and graphics as the official logo and graphics for Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency; and
4. Authorize Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency to update any existing Contracts to reflect the new name change.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCRDCSS) was established on December 15, 2015 to administer the local Child Support programs for Humboldt and Trinity County.

On December 21, 2021, the regional agreement was renewed by the county boards of Trinity and Humboldt for a term of 5 years.

In the state fiscal year 2024-25, the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) changed the way regional child support departments are funded. This resulted in California DCSS determining the current regional agreement governing the Humboldt and Trinity child support agencies was no longer valid. In January of 2025, the department ended its regional agreement and entered into a shared services agreement. The operational structure of the department has not changed. The department continues to operate as one agency, serving the constituents of Humboldt and Trinity counties.

A name change to Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency would align with Federal and State Child Support naming conventions and accurately reflect the new shared services agreement. It further avoids confusion by the public by clearly identifying that the agency serves both Humboldt and Trinity counties.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Child Support Services Fund (1380)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact to the approved fiscal year 2025-26 budget as the estimates for the changes to signage and materials were included in the adopted budget.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

There is no impact to staffing.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the name change for Child Support. However, this is not recommended as it would result in continued confusion in the coverage area and type of services provided.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Logo and Graphics for Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A