



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/18/2021

File #: 21-612

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Child Support Services

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Plan of Cooperation Agreement for State and Local Child Support Agency

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Waive the requirements of the Humboldt County Nuclear-Free Ordinance with regard to the attached plan of cooperation (POC) with the State Child Support Agency;
2. Approve, and authorize the North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCRDCSS) Director, or a designee thereof, to execute the attached Cooperation Agreement with the State Child Support Agency, based on the attached template provided by the state, after review by County Counsel and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Approve, and authorize the NCRDCSS Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any necessary amendments to the final Cooperation Agreement after review by County Counsel and the County Administrative Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services Fund (1380)

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Family Code § 17304(a), the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) is revising the current State / Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) Plan of Cooperation (POC) for Federal Fiscal Year 2021, commencing May 20, 2021.

The POC reflects Child Support Program responsibilities for both DCSS and LCSAs. DCSS recognizes that the prior POC just renewed and went into effect on Oct. 1, 2020; however, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires Exhibit 7 of IRS Publication 1075 be added to the POC. Since this change is required, the departments have taken the opportunity to make additional minor changes which include the following: References to paternity have been replaced with parentage; References to Custodial Parent (CP) have been replaced with Persons Ordered to Receive Support (PRS); References to Non-Custodial Parent (NCP) have been replaced with Parents Ordered to Pay Support (PPS); Exhibit 7, *Safeguarding Contract Language*, of IRS Publication 1075 has been attached; Clarifying

language has been added to the LCSA responsibilities section regarding litigation, writs and appeals; Clarifying language has been added regarding expenditure claims formerly submitted through the CS356 system, which are now submitted into the Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA)

Following this revision, the POC will automatically renew on Oct. 1, 2021, and be subject to amendment as needed to reflect new or revised state and federal laws, regulations, and requirements. The POC will continue to automatically renew at the beginning of subsequent federal fiscal years, unless new laws, regulations or requirements necessitate an update.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no direct costs associated with the attached plan of cooperation between the state and Local Child Support Agency. As a result, approval of the attached plan of cooperation between the State and Local Child Support Agency will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing community appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

State Department of Child Support Services

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The board may choose not to approve the attached memorandum of understanding between the State and Local Child Support Agency. However, this alternative is not recommended as it will result in the loss of funding for services provided by the child support program.

ATTACHMENTS:

FFY 2021 California-State LCSA Plan of Cooperation 2021.04.02

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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