



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 2/11/2025

File #: 25-238

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

Agenda Section: Consent - Received Too Late For Review (TLFR)

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Mobile Response, Stabilization and Supportive Services to Current and Former Foster Children and Youth as Part of the Humboldt County Family Urgent Response System

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. regarding the provision of mobile response, stabilization and supportive services to current and former foster children and youth as part of the Humboldt County Family Urgent Response System in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven-Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$450,796.00) for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The Family Urgent Response System, is a coordinated statewide, regional and county-level system designed to provide collaborative and timely phone-based, in-home and in-person mobile response, stabilization and supportive services to foster children and youth during situations of instability, for purposes of preserving the relationship of the caregiver and the child or youth, providing developmentally appropriate relationship conflict management and resolution skills, stabilizing the living situation, mitigating the distress of the caregiver or child or youth, connecting the caregiver and child or youth to the existing array of local services and promoting a healthy and healing environment for children, youth and families.

The Family Urgent Response System builds upon the Continuum of Care Reform and the State of California's recent System of Care development to provide current and former foster youth and their caregivers with immediate, trauma-informed support when needed. The Family Urgent Response System is intended to have multiple positive effects on the lives of children and youth and

caregivers, including, without limitation: preventing placement disruptions and preserving the relationship between the child or youth and their caregiver; preventing the need for law enforcement involvement and avoiding the criminalization of traumatized youth; preventing psychiatric hospitalization and placement into congregate care; and promoting healing as a family.

Pursuant to state law, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Services ("DHHS - Child Welfare Services") is required to provide continuous telephone-based, in-home and in-person mobile response, stabilization and supportive services to current and former foster youth as part of the statewide Family Urgent Response System.

The attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. will allow for the provision of state mandated mobile response, stabilization and supportive services to current and former foster children and youth as part of the Humboldt County Family Urgent Response System for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It should be noted that the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. comes to the Board after the start date thereof due to inadvertent delays that occurred during the contract development process.

Accordingly, DHHS - Child Welfare Services recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. regarding the provision of mobile response, stabilization and supportive services to current and former foster children and youth as part of the Humboldt County Family Urgent Response System for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the provision of needed mobile response, stabilization and supportive services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Service Fund (1160-508)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

<i>Expenditures (1160-508)</i>	<i>FY24-25</i>
<i>Budgeted Expenses</i>	\$450,796.00
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$450,796.00
<i>Funding Sources (1160-508)</i>	<i>FY24-25</i>
<i>State/Federal Funds</i>	\$450,796.00
<i>Total Funding Sources</i>	\$450,796.00

The attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. has a maximum amount payable of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven-Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$450,796.00) for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. However, in the event local, state or federal funding is reduced or eliminated, the County of Humboldt may reduce the above-referenced maximum amount payable or terminate the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. have been included in the approved fiscal year 2024-2025 budget for DHHS - Social Services budget unit 1160-508. Funding for the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. is available through Family Urgent Response System funds made available by the California Department of Social Services. As a result, approval of the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Approval of the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. regarding the provision of mobile response, stabilization and supportive services to current and former foster children and youth as part of the Humboldt County Family Urgent Response System. However, this alternative is not recommended, as it would severely limit DHHS - Child Welfare Services' ability to meet state mandated service requirements.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Services Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Mobile Response, Stabilization and supportive services to Current and Former Foster Children and Youth as Part of the Humboldt County Family Urgent Response System

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: D-11, D-20, D-14

File No.: 21-1256, 22-1145, 23-956