



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-19

For the meeting of: August 15, 2017

Date: August 2, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services – Social Services Branch

*Connie Beck 8/2/17*

Subject: Approve appropriation transfer in fund 1110 to increase/decrease appropriation in fiscal year 2016-17. (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors approve an appropriation transfer in Fund 1110 to increase/decrease appropriations per attachment A in fiscal year 2016-17.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Assistance

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is mandated to provide assistance payments for Foster Care and Aid to Adoption programs. These programs provide assistance to children and families who adopt dependent children through the Child Welfare System. Costs covered include both the Foster Care, Aid to Adoption (AAP) and AAP Wraparound. Due to implementation of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) by California Department of Social Services (CDSS) the Foster Care, Aid to Adoptions, AAP-Wraparound and Group Home Rates received an interim rate increase. These increased rates are based on the child's needs rather than the parental/family/group home qualifications. Basic rates effective July 1, 2016 ranged from \$707 to \$883 per month per child. Effective January 1, 2017 the interim basic rates range from \$889 to \$1,189 per month per child. This increase was unknown during the budget process for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Prepared by Leslie Abbott, SSM

CAO Approval

*E. Shattell*

REVIEW:

Auditor *MSM*

County Counsel

Personnel

Risk Manager

Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Wilson*, Seconded by Supervisor *Sundberg*

Ayes *Wilson, Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn*

- Nays
- Abstain
- Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *August 15, 2017*

By: *Kathy Hayes*

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Children or youth receiving Adoption Assistance (AAP) benefits are also eligible for Wraparound Services under the AAP program requirements. Wraparound is a service that is intended to keep a family together by providing supports that would normally be found in a group home setting. In fiscal year 2016-17 there has been an increase to AAP Wraparound Services through a new local provider, Evolve Youth. Basic rates effective July 1, 2016 ranged from \$7,960 to \$9,801 per month per child for a maximum of 18 months. Effective January 1, 2017 CDSS implemented a single interim rate of \$8,573 per month per child for a maximum of 18 months. In addition to the interim basic rate increased, case counts have increased from zero AAP Wraparound in Fiscal Year 2015-16 to five cases in Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Therefore, due to the interim increased rates and increased case counts for Foster Care, Aid to Adoptions (AAP), AAP Wraparound and Group Home Placements an appropriation transfer is needed in Fund 1110 Assistance Fund from Budget Unit 517 – Temporary Assistance to needy families to 518 – Foster Care to cover mandated assistance payments in fiscal year 2016-17.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the appropriation transfer in Fund 1110 – Social Services Assistance (Attachment A) will not increase or decrease the overall fund. The recommendation before your Board will transfer \$1,200,000 from 1110-517-3-127 Assistance Payments to 1110-518-3-620 Aid to Adoptions (Assistance Payments) for Fiscal Year 2016-17. There is sufficient appropriation in Budget Unit 517 due to a declining case load. Budget units 517 & 518 are intended to serve needy families with mandated Assistance payments. There will be no additional impact to the County General Fund.

The proposed appropriation transfer supports the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Auditor's Office

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the attached appropriation transfer however this is not recommended. The appropriation transfer is necessary to clear an edit for assistance payments in budget unit 518 for 2016-17 fiscal year end.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Appropriation Transfer in Fund 1110 to increase/decrease appropriation in fiscal year 2016-17.



