



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/12/2019

File #: 19-284

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Administration

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Clinical Education Affiliation Agreement with University of New England Regarding Supervised Practical Social Work at Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services Facilities

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services Director to execute, the attached professional clinical education affiliation agreement with University of New England regarding supervised practical social work at Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services facilities;
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Director, or a designee thereof, to execute student placement agreements substantially similar to the attached clinical education affiliation agreement with University of New England, and any amendments thereto, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) fully executed original copies of the attached clinical education affiliation agreement with University of New England to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services (DHHS - Social Services) and University of New England (UNE) have a need for student placement at DHHS - Social Services facilities for clinical and educational purposes. The attached professional clinical education affiliation agreement with UNE allows for the placement of students enrolled in UNE's Master of Social Work program at DHHS - Social Services facilities in order to fulfill the practical experience requirements thereof.

Accordingly, DHHS - Social Services recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the DHHS

Director to execute, the attached professional clinical education affiliation agreement with UNE regarding the placement of student interns at various DHHS - Social Services facilities. DHHS - Social Services also recommends that the Board authorize the DHHS - Director, or a designee thereof, to execute student placement agreements substantially similar to the attached professional nursing clinical education affiliation agreement with UNE, and any amendments thereto, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid potential delays in the placement of student interns at DHHS - Social Services facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no costs directly associated with placing student interns at DHHS - Social Services facilities pursuant to the terms and conditions of the attached clinical education affiliation agreement with UNE. As a result, approval of the attached professional clinical education affiliation agreement with UNE will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by investing in county employees.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached clinical education affiliation agreement with UNE regarding supervised practical social work at DHHS - Social Services facilities. However, this alternative is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Clinical Education Affiliation Agreement with University of New England Regarding Supervised Practical Social Work at Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services Facilities

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A