



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/19/2021

File #: 21-1409

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing Execution of State of California Standard Agreement No. 21-5015 with the California Department of Social Services Regarding the Provision and Receipt of Services and Activities Related to the Resource Family Approval Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute State of California Standard Agreement No. 21-5015 with the California Department of Social Services regarding the provision and receipt of services and activities related to the Resource Family Approval program, and any amendments thereto, along with any and all other certifications, subsequent agreements and documents required or deemed necessary for the Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Services to accept and secure CDSS' provision of such services and activities; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one fully executed certified copy of the attached resolution to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for submission to the California Department of Social Services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund (1160)

DISCUSSION:

The Resource Family Approval (RFA) program went into effect statewide on Jan. 1, 2017 in order to provide a unified, family-friendly and child-centered process to replace the multiple processes for licensing foster homes, approving relative and nonrelative extended family members as foster care providers and approving adoptive families.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 30029.7(a), the County of Humboldt and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) may enter into a State of California Standard Agreement (State Standard Agreement) for CDSS to provide services and/or activities related to the RFA program, including, without limitation, legal consultation and representation in administrative

action appeals.

The attached resolution authorizes the DHHS - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director, or a designee thereof, to execute State Standard Agreement No. 21-5015 with CDSS regarding the provision and receipt of services and activities related to the RFA program, and any amendments thereto, along with any and all other certifications, subsequent agreements and documents required or deemed necessary for DHHS - Child Welfare Services to accept and secure CDSS' provision of such services and activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of State Standard Agreement No. 21-5015, CDSS will provide services and activities related to the RFA program to DHHS - Child Welfare Services free of charge. As a result, adoption of the attached resolution will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to adopt the attached resolution authorizing execution of State Standard Agreement No. 21-5015 with CDSS regarding the provision and receipt of services and activities related to the RFA program. However, this alternative is not recommended due to the need for such services.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing Execution of State of California Standard Agreement No. 21-5015 with the California Department of Social Services Regarding the Provision and Receipt of Services and Activities Related to the Resource Family Approval Program
2. State of California Standard Agreement No. 21-5015 with the California Department of Social Services Regarding the Provision and Receipt of Services and Activities Related to the Resource Family Approval Program

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-20; C-11

Meeting of: 6/05/2018; 5/05/2020

File No.: 18-510; 20-530