



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/29/2024

File #: 24-1464

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Public Health

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Annual Certification of Compliance for the California Children's Services and Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care Programs for Fiscal Year 2024-25

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached certification statements for the California Children's Services and Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two fully executed original copies of the attached certification statements to the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Contract Coordinator for submission to the California Department of Health Care Services.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The Nursing Division of the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health (DHHS-PH) has been administering the California Children's Services (CCS) program locally since 1980 and the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) since 2000.

CCS is a statewide program that authorizes diagnosis and treatment for financially eligible children with certain physical limitations and chronic health conditions or diseases. In addition, CCS authorizes the purchase of specific medical services and equipment and provides physical and occupational therapy through the Medical Therapy Program. Such services are provided at the Medical Therapy Unit located at the Glen Paul School site in Eureka.

HCPCFC is a program in which DHHS-PH, DHHS-Social Services and the Humboldt County Probation Department work together to provide public health nurse expertise in meeting the medical, dental, mental, and developmental needs of children and youth in foster care.

The California Department of Health Care Services - Children's Medical Services Branch (CMS) requires an annual application process within the state's Integrated Systems of Care (ISC) for the provision of CCS and HCPCFC services in Humboldt County with certification by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. By executing the attached certification statements, the County of

Humboldt certifies that the CCS and HCPCFC programs will comply with the ISC Plan and Fiscal Guidelines for fiscal year 2024-2025. The recommendations currently before the Board will allow CCS and HCPCFC to continue to provide services to the community and receive quarterly reimbursement.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Fund (1175)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The CCS and HCPCFC programs are funded by CMS each year through a combination of federal and state funds. The proposed budget for the CCS program residing in budget unit 1175-493 - California Children's Services has sufficient appropriations to cover the estimated total allocation of \$781,777 for fiscal year 2024-25. The proposed budget for the HCPCFC program residing in budget unit 1175-418001 - Foster Care has sufficient appropriations to cover the total allocation of \$674,842 for fiscal year 2024-25.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Funds will support current staffing levels within the CCS and HCPCFC programs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to execute the attached certification statements for the CCS and HCPCFC programs. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would result in program elimination, as Board certification is required to complete the ISC annual services plan and receive quarterly reimbursement for services provided through the CCS and HCPCFC programs.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. California Children's Services Certification Statement
2. Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care Certification Statement

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 11/16/21; 8/30/22; 10/3/23

File No.: 21-1613, 22-1090, 23-1301