



AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-12

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: October 18, 2016

Date: September 21, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *SNJ for*
Department of Health and Human Services – Children and Family Services

Subject: Operational Agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services for American Indian Child Abuse Treatment Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratifies all previous actions taken by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Children & Family Services and Two Feathers Native American Family Services (NAFS) pertaining to the American Indian Child Abuse Treatment (AICHAT) Program;
2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) copy of the certified board report to the DHHS-Contract Unit.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund 1160

DISCUSSION:

Two Feathers NAFS applied for an AICHAT program grant in September 2016. Due to the, imminent deadline for submission of the grant application DHHS Children & Family Services signed the requisite Operational Agreement (OA) paperwork after review from County Counsel but before approval from the Board of Supervisors. The OA is functionally identical to a previous agreement approved by the Board on September 15, 2015 (C-12) for the AICHAT grant application of Two Feathers NAFS.

Prepared by Sharon Wolff SS/II

CAO Approval *E. Orshie*

E. Orshie

REVIEW:

Auditor *W. B. A.*

County Counsel *147*

Personnel

Risk Manager *KW*

Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Fennell* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Fennell, Bass, Lovelace, Bohn, Sundberg*

Nays

Abstain

Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-12

Meeting of: 9/15/2015

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

Dated: October 18, 2016

By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

The AICHAT program was authorized by Public Law 98-473, as amended, and is funded through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (42 USC §§10601; 10603). The purpose of the program is to fund American Indian tribes, consortium of tribes, or American Indian non-profit community-based organizations to facilitate the provision of therapeutic clinical services or culturally-centered services to American Indian child victims and support services to the non-offending families. Two Feathers NAFS is an American Indian non-profit community-based organization and an applicant for funding through AICHAT. Organizational agreements with local child welfare services to formally acknowledge the support and working relationship between Two Feathers NAFS and Humboldt County DHHS-Children & Family Services is a required element of the grant application.

NAFS and Humboldt County DHHS-Children and Family Services intend to work together toward the mutual goal of assistance for crime victims residing in the county. If the grant application for NAFS is awarded, the AICHAT program would include:

- An offer of a Two Feathers referral packet for American Indian Children and their families seeking services from DHHS-Children and Family Services.
- An open line of communication between agencies when appropriate client authorizations are provided.
- Sharing of non-confidential information and data routinely available.
- Active participation in training opportunities in the areas of child abuse/and/or neglect, domestic and family violence.

Cooperation with local service providers such as Two Feathers NAFS enhances the infrastructure needed within the county to provide comprehensive services to the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no costs for the county associated with this OA. There is no impact on the County General Fund.

Approving this OA supports the Board's Strategic Framework by providing and maintaining infrastructure, creating opportunities for the improved safety and health of county residents and protect vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Two Feathers Native American Family Services

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to not ratify this OA; however that is not recommended by DHHS.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Copy of the Operational Agreement between DHHS- Children and Family Services and Two Feathers Native American Family Services

**Two Feathers
Native American Family Services
Operational Agreement**

This Operational Agreement (OA) is made and entered into this 19th day of September 2016 by and between the **Two Feathers Native American Family Services** (hereinafter "NAFS"), a Federally recognized Indian Tribal entity, and the **County of Humboldt** (hereinafter COUNTY), a political subdivision of the State of California, through the **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Children and Family Services**. Together NAFS and the COUNTY are referred to as the PARTIES.

1. Purpose of Agreement

NAFS and COUNTY intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for crime victims residing in Humboldt County. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the American Indian Child Abuse Treatment (AICHA) Program, if selected for funding, through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant.

2. Term

This OA will begin October 1, 2016 and end September 30, 2019. This agreement will automatically renew annually for a period of one (1) year after the end of each one (1) year term, unless any party to this agreement provides written notice as provided herein of its intention to not renew the operational agreement a minimum of thirty days (30) prior to the end of the current time period.

3. Participation in the AICHA Program

The roles and responsibilities of each partner will be to assist with successful completion of relevant grant objectives.

The AICHA program will closely coordinate the following services between NAFS and COUNTY through DHHS-Children and Family Services:

- A. Provide a cross-referral network by offering a Two Feathers referral packet for American Indian children and their families seeking services.
- B. With appropriate client authorizations, maintain an open line of communication between agencies to ensure rapid disposition of crisis intervention.
- C. Share non-confidential information and data routinely available that may be needed for future funding.
- D. Actively participate in training opportunities provided by Two Feathers on the issues of child abuse and/or neglect, domestic and family violence.

4. Termination

This OA may be terminated by either of the parties for any reason by providing a minimum of thirty days (30) written notice to the other party. Notices of termination shall be mailed to addresses as set forth in Paragraph 5, Notices.

5. Notices

Notices shall be given to COUNTY at the following address:

Director of Social Services
Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services
929 Koster Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Notices shall be given to NAFS at the following address:

Director
Two Feathers Native American Family Services
1560 Betty Court, Suite A
McKinleyville, CA 95519

6. Hold Harmless and Indemnification

Pursuant to Government Code section 895.4, the parties to this Agreement shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other parties hereto and their officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities of any kind or nature, including attorney's fees, which arise by the virtue of its negligent or willful acts of misconduct or omissions (either directly or through or by its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers) in connection with its duties and obligations under this Agreement and any amendments, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of either party.

7. Nuclear Free Humboldt County Ordinance Compliance

PARTIES certify by their signatures below that neither are a nuclear weapons contractor, in that PARTIES are not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production, or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems, or nuclear weapon components as defined by the Nuclear Free Humboldt County Ordinance. PARTIES agree to notify each other immediately if either becomes a nuclear weapons contractor as defined above. PARTIES may immediately terminate this Agreement if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if either becomes a nuclear weapons contractor.

8. OA sum

It is the intent of both parties that this be a non-financial agreement. The consideration supplied by the parties does not include any monetary payments whatsoever.

9. Entire Agreement

This is the entire agreement between the parties. It supersedes any prior oral or written agreements or understandings and may be amended only in writing.

We, the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the following agencies, do hereby approve this Operational Agreement.

Two Feathers
Native American Family Services
(707) 839-1933

County of Humboldt
Humboldt County DHHS
Children and Family Services
(707) 476-4700

By: Zo Devine
Zo Devine
Director

By: Stephanie Weldon
Stephanie Weldon
DHHS Social Services Director

Date: 9/19/2016

Date: 9/16/16