



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/28/2020

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File #: 20-870

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Behavioral Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Application Process for Collaborative Partnership Agreements Regarding the Provision of Professional Services Intended to Reduce the Number of Adverse Childhood Experiences Occurring Within Humboldt County

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached collaborative partnership agreement application package;
2. Approve the attached collaborative partnership agreement templates regarding the provision of professional services intended to reduce the number of Adverse Childhood Experiences occurring within Humboldt County;
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute collaborative partnership agreements that are substantially similar to the attached collaborative partnership agreement templates, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office;
4. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the collaborative partnership agreements executed thereby, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one copy of this item to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Behavioral Health Fund - Fund 1170

**DISCUSSION:**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are defined as traumatic or stressful events, including, without limitation, abuse, neglect, violence and dissolution of familial stability, experienced by children. These traumatic experiences can affect an individual throughout their life. Such events are strong predictors of long-lasting behavioral health problems that can impact social development, family life, education, occupation productivity and physical health. Prevention, early identification and the development of a support system for children who are subjected to ACEs could have a significant impact on the range of

potential health problems experienced thereby.

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health (DHHS - Behavioral Health) and First 5 Humboldt partnered in 2017 to form the ACEs Collaborative for the purpose of addressing ACEs through the provision of education, mitigation and prevention services. On June 25, 2017, June 26, 2018 and June 25, 2019, the Board approved General Fund allocations to DHHS - Behavioral Health in the amount of \$400,000 for fiscal years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 to support collaboration with local community-based organizations in order to reduce the number of ACEs occurring within Humboldt County.

On June 23, 2020, your Board approved another additional general fund allocation to DHHS - Behavioral Health in the amount of \$400,000 for FY 2020-2021 to continue collaboration with local community-based organizations working to address, prevent and mitigate the effects of ACEs within Humboldt County. The attached application package and collaborative partnership agreement templates will enable DHHS - Behavioral Health and First 5 Humboldt to award \$200,000 to community-based organizations that serve pregnant women and children, 0 to 8 years of age, and their families.

The review and approval process regarding requests for collaborative partnership agreements will be led by DHHS - Behavioral Health and First 5 Humboldt staff who have expertise pertaining to ACEs and are not affiliated with any community-based organizations who have submitted such requests.

Several community organizations working with children, 0 to 8 years of age, and their families understand the value of prevention of ACEs scores and welcome the opportunity to continue developing solutions to increase the well-being of children in Humboldt County. As a result, DHHS - Behavioral Health recommends that the Board approve the attached application package and collaborative partnership agreement templates.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The maximum amount payable for services rendered, costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Collaborative Partnership Agreement shall not exceed \$24,900. Administrative, overhead and indirect expenses included in the project budgets may not exceed 10% of direct costs. The maximum amount to be awarded under the collaborative partnership agreements is \$200,000 for FY 2020-2021 and comes from the General Fund allocation to DHHS - Behavioral Health (Budget Unit 1170-424). As a result, approval of the attached application package and collaborative partnership agreement templates will help ensure the General Fund allocation for DHHS - Behavior Health is distributed to community-based organizations to reduce the number of ACEs occurring in Humboldt County.

#### STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, creating opportunities for improved safety and health, providing community-appropriate levels of services and facilitating public/private partnerships to help solve problems.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

First 5 Humboldt

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Your Board could choose not to approve the attached application package and collaborative partnership agreement templates regarding the provision of professional services intended to reduce the number of ACEs occurring in Humboldt County. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would significantly limit DHHS - Behavioral Health's ability to address ACEs through the provision of education, mitigation and prevention services.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Collaborative Partnership Agreement Package:
  - a. ACEs Collaborative Partnership Agreement Request Guidelines
  - b. ACEs Collaborative Partnership Agreement Request
2. Collaborative Partnership Agreement Template (non-tribal organizations)
3. Collaborative Partnership Agreement Template (tribal organization)

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: C-17; C-22; C-14

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