



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with North Coast Opportunities, Inc. in the Amount of \$435,000, to Administer California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage One Child Care for CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work Participants, Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with North Coast Opportunities, Inc. in the amount of \$435,000, to administer California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage One Child Care for CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work participants, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not increase the annual maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign name.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Ongoing Agreement. Most recent action on September 26, 2023, Item 3y), Approval of Agreement No. BOS-23-176.

Summary of Request:

When the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program was established, it replaced a number of welfare-related childcare programs with a goal to provide a seamless system of child care by standardizing child care program requirements under a single three-stage system. Effective October 1, 2019, Senate Bill 80 increased access to childcare services for Welfare-to-Work (WTW) participants by authorizing CalWORKs Stage One Child Care immediately and continuously for 12 months, or until participant is transferred to Stage Two.

Through the proposed Agreement, North Coast Opportunities, Inc. (NCO) will administer CalWORKs Stage One Child Care to CalWORKs WTW participants. Services will include screening referrals, reviewing and processing child care claims, ensuring that participants and providers understand child care policies, etc. In addition, Child Care providers will receive payments from NCO for all three stages of child care, alleviating confusion for providers, and allowing clear understanding of the Child Care Provider Union dues that will be deducted from monthly payments. NCO's specialized knowledge of the administration of Stage Two and Stage Three Child Care will allow for a smooth transition of administration of Stage One Child Care and will provide necessary support to participants and providers.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Child Care Allocation

current f/y cost: \$435,000

budget clarification: N/A

annual recurring cost: \$435,000

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): Yes

revenue agreement: No

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: Yes

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: June 4, 2024

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: Agreement

Number: 24-084

