



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: January 26, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Amendment to BOS Agreement No. 19-178 with Redwood Community Services, Inc., Increasing the Amount by \$297,385 for a New Total of \$907,705, to Provide Immediate Placement Services for High Needs Children, Placed by Health and Human Services Agency, Family and Children's Services, Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive Amendment to BOS Agreement No. 19-178 with Redwood Community Services, Inc. increasing the amount by \$297,385 for a new total of \$907,705, to provide immediate placement services for children placed by Health and Human Services Agency, Family and Children's Services, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not increase the annual maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Ongoing since 2005; most recent action July 9, 2019, BOS Agreement No. 19-178.

Summary of Request:

In Mendocino County, the placement and care of children who have been removed from the custody of their parents or guardians under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300 is the responsibility of the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Family and Children's Services (FCS). As part of meeting this requirement, FCS contracts with Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS) for the provision of emergency foster home placement services to high needs youth in Mendocino County.

RCS is a State licensed Foster Family Agency and provided six retained beds in the Mendocino County Children's Center/Cam's Place and up to one and a half retained beds at Mendocino House, Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP). Retained beds were used by FCS for immediate placement of youth ages seven to seventeen who present with significant behavioral challenges that prevent placement in a home-based setting. RCS staffed Emergency Support, as part of the emergency support team, to take care of the immediate needs of detained children. This allowed County social workers to continue investigative duties and assessments of relatives or other non-related extended family members for potential placements. This agreement also provided stipends to RCS foster homes willing to be on-call 24/7 to receive emergency

placements of children and youth in home-based care. The proposed Amendment increased the bed retainer amount, due to California Department of Social Services rate for STRTP, for six beds at Mendocino County Children's Center/Cam's Place and added a retainer for one and a half beds at Mendocino House.

Due to COVID-19, workload priorities have shifted daily to cover program operations, changing program operational needs, filling in for staffing gaps and reassessing services provided under contracts to determine what services are able to continue and in what manner to comply with Federal, State and Local requirements. This has taken time away from standard review of contracts and has necessitated additional time in contract preparation to plan for a variety of service needs and service delivery methods due to future uncertainty as to what may be permitted and when. The proposed Amendment, which was initially retroactive due to COVID-19 related delays, was further delayed within the County's internal review process for language negotiations. HHSA therefore requests retroactive approval of the Amendment.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Federal, State Realignment, Other

current f/y cost: \$907,705

annual recurring cost: \$781,299

budget clarification:

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: No

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: January 27, 2021

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement Number: 19-178-A1

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements
Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to
Auditor? No

