



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: September 28, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$336,337 to Provide Family Urgent Response System Mobile Response Services to Current and Former Foster Youth Through Age 21 for Social Services, Family and Children's Services, Effective October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the amount of \$336,337 to provide Family Urgent Response System mobile response services to current and former foster youth through age 21 for Social Services, Family and Children's Services, effective October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Social Services 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:

None.

Summary of Request:

The Family Urgent Response System (FURS) is a new statewide mandated program, originally enacted through Section 107 of Senate Bill 80 (Statute of 2019) and amended by Assembly Bill 79 (Statute of 2020), to support current and former foster youth through age 21 during periods of instability. The program contains three components: 1) state hotline; 2) local mobile response services; and 3) local follow up services for up to 72 hours following a mobile response. FURS is intended to prevent placement disruptions, the need for 911 calls or law enforcement involvement, psychiatric hospitalizations and placements into congregate care, and assist youth and their caregivers in a trauma-informed, family friendly manner to de-escalate and stabilize situations and link the youth and family to ongoing services and resources. The FURS services are required to be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and mobile response services must be provided at any location within Mendocino County within 1 to 3 hours of receiving a call from the state hotline, or same day within 24 hours if a non-urgent response is requested by the caller.

At the county level, the Family and Children's Services, Juvenile Probation and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services were required to develop a joint plan for implementing the local components of the FURS program effective March 1, 2021 with full implementation by July 1, 2021. A Request for Proposal was issued on April 8, 2021 (RFP No. 018-21) and closed on May 19, 2021 with no responses. As this is a mandated service

that the three county departments are unable to staff long-term without adding additional workload to employees who are already very stretched to cover their current mandated job duties, it was urgently important to negotiate with a local provider who is already experienced in working with the FURS-eligible population and who is able to bill Medi-Cal for specialty mental health services. Tapestry Family Services, Redwood Community Services (RCS) and the Mendocino County Youth Project were consulted; however, RCS was the only provider willing to provide the full scope of the services. Under this Agreement, RCS will provide a county-wide FURS mobile response team, 24/7, 365 days a year with follow up services for up to 72 hours following all mobile responses.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/furs>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: State General Fund, Medi-Cal

current f/y cost: \$336,337 (3 quarters)

annual recurring cost: \$402,042

budget clarification: N/A

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, Assistant CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: September 29, 2021

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: **Agreement** **Number:** 21-177

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?

No

