



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: October 19, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Department of Social Services (DSS) to Enter into Retroactive Agreement No. 21-5026 with the California Department of Social Services in the Amount of \$0 to Provide DSS Family & Children's Services with Legal Consultation and Legal Representation in Administrative Action Appeals Associated with the Resource Family Approval Program for the Term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution authorizing the Department of Social Services (DSS) to enter into retroactive Agreement No. 21-5026 with the California Department of Social Services in the amount of \$0 to provide DSS Family & Children's Services with legal consultation and legal representation in administrative action appeals associated with the Resource Family Approval program for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; and authorize the DSS Director to sign any future amendments that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Ongoing since 2017; most recently Item 4(i), Resolution No. 20-043 and Agreement No. 19-5048.

Summary of Request:

Since 2017, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has provided counties with legal consultation and legal representation in administrative action appeals associated with the state mandated Resource Family Approval program. These services are provided at no cost to the counties when a county has deemed it necessary to deny approval or rescind approval of a Resource Family from being a foster care provider. Although the CDSS Standard Agreement used statewide covers multiple components of the Resource Family Approval program in which counties may contract with CDSS, the only component in which Mendocino County contracts with CDSS is for the legal consultation and representation. The other components listed in the Agreement- Family Evaluations, Complaint Investigations and Health and Safety Assessments- are handled in-house by County staff in the Family & Children's Services Resource Family Approval Unit.

The Agreement for Fiscal Years 2021 to 2024 was e-mailed to the County from CDSS on July 23, 2021. In addition, due to the separation of the County Department of Social Services from the Health and Human Services Agency in July 2021, this necessitated changes to the name of the County Department specified in the

Agreement resulting in further delays of processing this Agreement. The delay in receipt of this Agreement from CDSS was beyond the County's control and therefore retroactive approval is requested.

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://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/resource-family-approval-program>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: \$0

annual recurring cost: \$0

budget clarification:

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

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: October 20, 2021

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Type: **Resolution** Number: 21

-150 **Executed Item Type:** **Interim**

Agreement Number: *21-185

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?

No

