



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$392,423 to Provide Family Urgent Response System Mobile Response Services to Current and Former Foster Youth Through Age 21 for Department of Social Services, Family and Children's Services, Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the amount of \$392,423 to provide Family Urgent Response System mobile response services to current and former foster youth through age 21 for Department of Social Services, Family and Children's Services, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Department of 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:

Sept. 28, 2021, Item 4(x), BOS Agreement # 21-177

Summary of Request:

The Family Urgent Response System (FURS) is a statewide mandated program, originally enacted through Section 107 of Senate Bill 80 (Statute of 2019) and amended by Assembly Bill 79 (Statute of 2020), to support current and former foster youth through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.

Before the start of the program March 1, 2021, 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, FCS consulted with local providers who are already experienced in working with the FURS-eligible population and who are able to bill Medi-Cal for specialty mental health services: Tapestry Family Services, Redwood Community Services (RCS) and the Mendocino County Youth Project. However, due to the county-wide need, the only provider able to meet the need at this time is RCS. RCS has been available to provide 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 since October 1, 2021. FCS has been providing FURS outreach material to resource parents, foster youth, law enforcement agencies, Foster Family Agencies and Indian Child Welfare Act representatives to share with caregivers, parents and youth as a resource to access when needed. Despite RCS not having received any calls from the statewide FURS hotline for local mobile response as of April 12, 2022, this is a mandated service to have in place, and it is necessary to continue to renew this contract should the services be needed.

This item is retroactive to July 1, 2022 as the County added additional language to the General Terms and Conditions section of the Agreement which delayed finalizing the Agreement to be on a Board meeting agenda prior to the start of the new fiscal year.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

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: \$392,423

annual recurring cost: \$392,423

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, Interim CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk II

Date: July 13, 2022

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement Number: 22-182

