



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 \$449,748 to Provide Immediate Placement Services for High Needs Children Placed by the 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 \$449,748 to provide immediate placement services for high needs children placed by the Department of Social Services, Family & 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:

Ongoing; Most recent actions on June 7, 2022, Item No. 3(aw), BOS Agreement # 22-138; and August 31, 2021, Item No. 4(l), BOS Agreement # 21-162.

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 Department of Social Services, Family and Children's Services (FCS). As part of meeting this requirement, FCS contracts with Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS) for the provision of immediate placement in their three-bed Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) facility, Mendocino County Children's Center (MC3), for assessment and stabilization for youth ages 7 to 17 who present with significant behavioral challenges that prevent placement in a home-based setting. MC3 is a state licensed STRTP able to accept placement of foster youth from any county and is the only STRTP currently licensed in Mendocino County. To secure first priority for Mendocino County foster youth, this Agreement will pay for up to ten vacant bed nights per month.

In addition to placements at MC3, RCS also provides through this Agreement Emergency Support Staff (ESS) 24/7 to assist FCS social workers when needed. ESS staff will assist in the immediate care and supervision of detained children while FCS locates a foster care placement. With these services in place, FCS social workers can continue investigative duties and assessments of relatives or other non-related extended

family members for potential placements, and contact Foster Family Agency and County homes to locate suitable and available placements.

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: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Federal, State, Realignment

current f/y cost: \$449,748

annual recurring cost: \$449,748

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, 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:** 22-183

