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Honorable Board of Supervisors Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the renewal Agreement Funding Application (AFA) for Agreement Number 15-10165 with the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (CDPH/MCAH) Division, for administration of the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) and accepting program funds in the maximum amount payable of \$3,230,008 for the Agreement term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provided 1.5 billion over five (5) years for funding nationwide maternal, infant and early childhood visitation initiatives. The maximum amount payable is \$807,502 per fiscal year under this four (4) year agreement for a 4-year total of \$3,230,008. Funding will be used to sustain the contract with Child Advocates of Nevada County and to support inhouse administrative costs associated with continued implementation of the County's Healthy Families America (HFA) Home Visiting Program. Receipt of funds was anticipated and there are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 established the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program to provide an opportunity for collaboration and partnership at the federal, state, and community levels to improve outcomes for families who reside in at-risk communities through evidence-based home visiting programs. Through these home visiting programs, trained staff meets with at-risk families in their homes, evaluates the families' circumstances and connects families to the kind of help that can make a real difference in a child's health, development and ability to learn.

Services provide linkages to health care, developmental services, early education, parenting skills education, child abuse prevention and nutrition education or assistance. There is strong research evidence that these programs can improve outcomes for children and families and also yield Medicaid/Medi-Cal savings by reducing pre-term births and the need for emergency room visits. Services are available to all pregnant women in Nevada County who reside in Western Nevada County and the greater Truckee service area. The Truckee service area is defined by community need and also includes parts of adjacent Placer County including Soda Springs, Kings Beach, Tahoe Vista, Tahoe City and Carnelian Bay.

The Public Health Department has implemented a Healthy Families America (HFA) Home Visiting Program in accordance with Federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) and State requirements to achieve positive outcomes for each of the following five goals:

- 1. Provide leadership and coordinate maternal and early childhood systems and supports to advance federal, state and local efforts to improve the health and well-being of families in California.
- 2. Cultivate strong communities
- 3. Promote maternal health and well-being
- 4. Improve infant and child health development
- 5. Strengthen family functioning

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Resolution as continuation of funding received will support a program that will provide a diverse array of prevention, intervention and support services that will benefit at-risk community families.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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