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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Kathy Cahill**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a contract with the with Child Advocates of Nevada County for the provision of Healthy Families America (HFA) home visiting program services as a component of the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State General Fund (SGF) Evidence Based Home Visiting program in the maximum amount of \$150,000 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for expansion of the local maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program. Funding for this contract is within the Public Health Department's FY 23/24 Budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 authorized creation of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program and allocated funding for nationwide maternal, infant and early childhood visitation initiatives. Each state's governor designated the state entity to administer Home Visiting program funds on behalf of the state. For California, this is the state department of Public Health/ Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division. DPH/CHVP SGF-funded LHJs are approved to implement and/or expand Healthy Families America (HFA), Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), or Parents as Teachers (PAT) home visiting programs in accordance with State requirements to achieve positive outcomes.

Under this contract, Nevada County Public Health's MCAH Department in partnership with the subcontractor, Child Advocates of Nevada County (CANC), will expand home visiting services adding the Parents As Teachers (PAT) model. CANC will continue to provide home visiting utilizing the Healthy Families America Curriculum. These programs originate from separate funding sources; these funds can be braided, but not blended. Parents As Teachers staff delivers home visiting services throughout Nevada County (both Eastern and Western County Regions).

Pregnant women are referred to the program through local health care provider agencies or other community partners. NCPH staff and contracting staff will assess and enroll eligible families for PAT services and will link non-qualifying referred families and/or families referred after the program has reached full capacity, to other community resources.

The Program is completely voluntary and free of charge. Participants are eligible to receive program services from pregnancy up to the time their child is three (3) per CHVP guidelines, or with CHVP authorization up to age five (5) or when the child is school-ready, e.g. begins kindergarten.

This program will provide home visiting services which shall include activities to address issues in the areas of: maternal, infant and child health, mental health, early childhood development, substance abuse, domestic violence prevention, child maltreatment prevention, child welfare, education and other social and health services.

This contract is delayed in coming to the Board for approval because it is contingent upon the execution of the revenue agreement with the State, which is also before the Board on this date. This agreement represents additional State general funds made available late in the fiscal year and it took longer than anticipated to get a complete agreement back from the State, however the funding is available and will be spent within the grant term.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as services provided support the California Home Visiting Program whose purpose is to: 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; and 5) strengthen family functioning.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approves this contract as it provides services that can help safeguard the public health of our community.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Kathy Cahill, MPH, Director of Public Health