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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the renewal Contract with KARE Crisis Nursery, Inc. pertaining to increasing the maximum contract price from \$24,000 to \$28,000 (an increase of \$4,000) for the provision of court-ordered monitored visitation services for Child Protective Services (CPS) clients for the contract term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding for this agreement includes Federal Title IV-B funding and county realignment funds. Due to an unanticipated increase in services, the contract amount allocated for Fiscal Year 2016/17 is being increased from \$12,000 to \$16,000 (an increase of \$4,000). A budget amendment is not necessary and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

This contract was renewed and approved by the County's Purchasing Agent on August 3, 2015 per Purchase Order No. PESJ2930. The KARE Crisis Nursery was established to intervene to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing support for families who are overwhelmed, experiencing crises and/or unexpected emergencies. Situations may include families involved in domestic violence, at-risk children from substance abusive environments, high conflict families experiencing separation or divorce and involved in the Nevada County Court System, homelessness and other stressors.

The contract with KARE provides for Court-ordered monitored visits for children from birth through 5 years of age, with exceptions for children up to the age of 16 for CPS clients. Certified monitors provide these court-ordered visits in a neutral setting that is

conducive to quality visits by non-custodial parents who otherwise would not see their children at all, or who may not have been able to be with their children for many months. KARE Crisis Nursery collaborates with CPS in planning for the child; encourages the maintenance of the natural parent-child relationship and includes the child's parents in the visitation plan when possible.

It is recommended that the Board approve this amendment to the contract with KARE Crisis Nursery, Inc. to benefit Nevada County children who are separated from their parents to enable them to visit with their non-custodial parents and helping CPS in a variety of circumstances in order to intervene or prevent neglect or child abuse and support families in their visitation needs.

Item Initiated by: Nick Ready, CPS Program Manager

Approved by: Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Social Services