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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Rachel Peña**, Social Services Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Sierra Nevada Children's Services (SNCS) for the administration of Stage 1 Child Care payments to fund the provision of childcare services for CalWORKs participant families as referred by the County's Department of Social Services to increase the maximum contract price from \$1,486,970 to \$1,555,220 (an increase of \$68,250) and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the current term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027 and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Social Services Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required). (Res. 25-282)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Stage 1 Child Care is a mandated support program for CalWORKs participant families. Funding for Child Care is uncapped and is received through CalWORKs program. The contract maximum is \$811,735 for fiscal year 25/26 and \$743,485 for fiscal year 26/27 for a total aggregate amount of \$1,555,220 for the two-year term. A budget amendment is required and is included in this Resolution (4/5 vote required). There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On June 24, 2025, per Resolution 25-282, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with SNCS to administer the Stage 1 Child Care Program Services. Stage 1 funds are provided to the County by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the local County Welfare Agency is required to coordinate Stage 1 childcare for their CalWORKs families. The Stage 1 CalWORKs Child Care Program is the first childcare step for parents receiving aid within Nevada County. These subsidies allow families the opportunity to become economically self-sufficient. Stage 1 begins with a family's entry into the CalWORKs program. Clients leave Stage 1 after six months or when their situation is stable, and when there is a slot available in Stages 2 or 3.

SNCS, the designated local Resource and Referral Agency, also manages Stages 2 and 3 of the system under the supervision of the CDSS, in addition to a variety of other subsidized childcare programs. Stage 2 begins after six months or after a recipient's work or work activity has stabilized, or when the family is transitioning off aid. Customers may continue to receive childcare in Stage 2 up to two years after they are no longer eligible for aid. Stage 3 begins when a funded space is available and when the client has acquired the 24 months of childcare, after transitioning off aid (for former CalWORKs recipients).

The legislative intent of the childcare program includes connecting recipients as soon as possible to local childcare resources, making stable childcare arrangements, ensuring recipients continue to receive subsidized services after they leave aid, and ensuring that services are received in the same fashion as other low-income working families. The goal is to provide a "seamless" childcare system of moving an eligible family through the three stages of CalWORKs-related care as a family progresses towards self-sufficiency.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 1 to ensure continuation of affordable, stable, quality childcare services for CalWORKs participants that enable families to transition from dependency on assistance to self-sufficiency.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services