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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

October 11, 2016 **MEETING DATE:**

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Mike Dent

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Contract with Prevent Child Abuse California (PCA CA) pertaining to the provision of services by AmeriCorps members under the Child Welfare Improvement Project in the maximum amount of \$31,740 for the contract term of September 16, 2016 through September 15, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are supported through Senate Bill (SB) 163 Program funds, which allow the County flexible use of State foster care dollars to provide eligible youth with family-based services. Services are included in the Department budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Prevent Child Abuse California (PCA CA) represents a statewide consortium of Child Abuse Prevention councils and other child abuse prevention and intervention organizations and plays an intermediary role, providing training and technical assistance on the AmeriCorps policies and procedures. Prevent Child Abuse California's goal is to strengthen affiliated prevention organizations across the state by identifying and reinforcing best practices in organizational operations and by developing, implementing and supporting innovative prevention programs using research-based models. PCA CA receives federal grant dollars to operate the AmeriCorps volunteer program and subsequently subcontracts with agencies as part of comprehensive efforts to improve California's Child Welfare System, employing the strategy and utilization of AmeriCorps members.

Under this Contract, two County recruited AmeriCorps members assigned to the Family Resource Centers, will provide 3,400 hours of services. The AmeriCorps members will provide activities such as: serving as a Path 1 Worker, which involves contacting clients to offer differential response services when CPS has received a report but the concern does not rise to the level of CPS intervention; serving families with preventative case management; making referrals for families to needed local resources; supporting positive family and community connections for children, and teaching Nurturing Parenting Lessons.

The targeted outcomes for these services include:

- 100 parents will receive supportive services in Western Nevada County.
- 30 parents will receive supportive services in Eastern Nevada County.
- 40 Nevada County parents will complete 5 hours of crisis intervention services.
- 25 Nevada County parents will receive Nurturing Parenting Program child abuse and neglect prevention education.
- 20 Nevada County parents will complete the Nurturing Parenting Program child abuse and neglect prevention education.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached agreement as the services work to positively influence communities at a grassroots level through the members' contributions and improve outcomes for child development and strengthening of Nevada County families.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Department of Social Services Director