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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Kathy Cahill**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Child Advocates of Nevada County for the provision of Healthy Families America (HFA) home visiting program services as a component of the County's implementation of the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) in the maximum amount of \$835,435 for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are from federal dollars awarded through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for implementation of a local maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program. Services are within the department's FY 2024 25 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.

Under this contract, Child Advocates will continue to provide home visiting services following the Healthy Families America (HFA) model. Contractor's 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. The Contractor will assess and enroll eligible families for HFA 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.

The Contractor 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.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal 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.

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