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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Erin Mettler**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the 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) to increase the maximum contract price from \$660,921 to \$794,412 (an increase of \$133,491), revise Exhibit "A", Schedule of Services to reflect additional services directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. (RES 22-543)

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. Resolution 22-500 provides funding for MIECHV American Rescue Plan California Home Visiting Project for the term of approval of this grant through September 30, 2023. Services are within the department's FY 2022-23 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: On October 25, 2022, per Resolution 22-543, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services 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).

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 continues 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 assesses and enrolls eligible families for HFA services and links 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 provides home visiting services which 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 Amendment #1 as services provided support the California Home Visiting Program, which, in addition to providing 1) 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. This amendment will support client service activities directly related to the COVID-19 public health emergency response These funds are intended to support home visiting activities and home visitors that address the immediate needs of parents, children, and families related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Erin Mettler, Interim Director of Public Health