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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 20, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with KARE (Kids Assistance and Respite in Emergencies) Crisis Nursery, Inc. for temporary, emergency, respite child care services to CalWORKs Employment Services (CES) participants in the maximum amount of \$30,720 for the contract term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, not to exceed \$15,360 per fiscal year.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded through the Department of Social Services CalWORKs Single Allocation dollars. Services are included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2017/18 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

KARE Crisis Nursery (KARE) provides child care services which are unique in our community and serve as a wrap-around to help families become more self-sufficient. A mutual goal of KARE and CalWORKs is to increase the level of participation of CalWORKs recipients who are required to participate in, or who volunteer for CalWORKs Employment & Training Program services.

KARE is a safe and stabilizing facility for children. This reliable child care is provided in a calm environment that addresses the needs of both children and parents as the family moves toward self-sufficiency. Under this agreement, the Contractor provides professional child care staff trained in Early Childhood Development, including working with at-risk and medically fragile children and with parents who face multiple challenges.

Staff serve as role models and are uplifting and encouraging to parents as well as children. Services under this contract are provided only to actively participating CalWORKs Employment Services clients, as specifically referred and authorized by CalWORKs staff. Short-term daily child care services, including temporary emergency childcare will be provided for 5 – 10 CalWORKs families. Emphasis will be on helping those parents referred from CalWORKs staff needing a non-traditional child care schedule which may include nights and weekends, involved in substance abuse recovery programs and/or with multiple barriers to employment. Brief 24 hour respite care will be provided for CalWORKs families as needed in crisis situations, with an emphasis on child abuse and/or neglect prevention.

These contract services benefit parents and their children, helping parents who face the challenge of obtaining appropriate care for their children, which is supportive of their efforts, a necessity to move forward in their quest for self-sufficiency and a more stable life for their family.

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