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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the contract with Sierra Forever Families for the provision of services related to Resource Family Approval (RFA) and Post-Adoption Services to 1) decrease the Maximum Contract Price from \$231,250 to \$185,000 (a decrease of \$46,250); 2) amend Exhibit "A" to reflect a reduction in services provided; and 3) amend Exhibit "B" to reflect the change in the maximum amount for the term of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services will be supported by the Department's 2011 Realignment funds for Adoptions Administration. A budget amendment is not necessary and there are no county general fund dollars required in this Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Resource Family Approval (RFA) is a result of the legislation AB 403 also known as Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). One of the basic tenants of CCR is that all children and non-minor dependents (NMD) in foster care have normalcy in development while establishing permanent life-long family relationships. To that end, RFA (the new process by which families become approved to foster children) was created to provide a uniform process to replace several existing processes. Foster families, relative caregivers, and non-related extended family members (NREFMs) are required to go through the same approval process which includes a home assessment, background checks, preapproval and post-approval training, psychosocial assessment, and a health screening. Through this process Resource Families are approved to foster children but also to adopt and provide guardianship. This eliminates a separate adoptions approval process and allows Resource Families to provide permanency to children in their care (if needed) in a timelier manner.

Per Resolution 17-068, the Board approved the contract with Sierra Forever Families. This Agreement was approved before Nevada County Child Protective Services moved away from

California Department of Social Services Adoptions and became the County adoptions agency. Pursuant to this Amendment, Adoption Services that were originally in the Agreement with the Contractor are now being provided internally by Nevada County Child Protective Services.

The Contractor will provide psychosocial assessments to Resource Family applicants. Additionally, the Contractor will provide a written home study that will give recommendations on approval or denial of applicants and provide the reasons for that determination.

The Contractor will also provide post-adoptive services to all Nevada County families referred by CPS who have a finalized adoption which includes monthly adoptive parent support groups, information, linkage to supports, and referral services to adoptive families residing in Nevada County.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as these services are vital in approving Resource Families for fostering and providing permanency to children within the county.

Item Initiated by: Nicholas Ready

Approved by: Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Social Services