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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathy Cahill

SUBJECT: Resolution approving revenue Contract 23-29 with the California Department of Public Health related to the California Home Visiting Program for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the maximum revenue amount of \$441,094, accepting the associated State General Fund Expansion revenue and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for expansion of the local maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program. Funding for this contract is partially within the Public Health Department's FY 23/24 Budget. The revenue agreement for FY 23/24 was anticipated to be \$300,000, resulting in the need for a budget amendment of \$141,094, which is included. 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. CDPH/CHVP State Grant Funding (SGF)-funded Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) are approved to implement and/or expand Healthy Families America (HFA), Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), or Parents as Teachers (PAT) home visiting programs in accordance with State requirements to achieve positive outcomes.

Under this contract, Nevada County Public Health's MCAH department in partnership with the subcontractor, Child Advocates, will expand home visiting services adding the Parents As Teachers

(PAT) model. Parents As Teachers 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. NCPH staff and contracting staff will assess and enroll eligible families for PAT 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.

This program 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.

This contract is delayed in coming to the Board for approval because it is contingent upon the execution of the revenue agreement with the State, which is also before the Board on this date. This Agreement represents additional State general funds made available late in the fiscal year and it took longer than anticipated to get a complete agreement back from the State, however the funding is available and will be spent within the grant term.

It is recommended that the Board approve this 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