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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue
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DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the renewal contract with Shona Torgrimson d/b/a Helping Hands Nurturing Center to increase the contract maximum from \$100,000 to \$108,000 (an increase of \$8,000) for the provision of Nurturing Parenting Program (NPP) Services for the Child Protective Services (CPS) Department for Fiscal Year 2014/15.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding for these services for F/Y 2014/15 is provided through a grant allocation from the Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) Program; Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP); CalWORKs Single Allocation funds and 2011 State Realignment funds. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Your Board approved a renewal contract in August 2014 per Resolution 14-373 for the continuation of Nurturing Parenting Program services. The Child Protective Services (CPS) Division of Nevada County's Department of Social Services is chartered to: investigate reports of child abuse; screen and assess families; provide case management and other services to help families stay together; place and monitor foster children and provide adoption services.

Child Welfare Systems are required to provide Preventative and Early Intervention strategies that not only provide for the safety and permanency for children but also services that target the family's well-being. Child Protective Services is responsible for ensuring that the critical needs of children and families in the child welfare system are met.

Under this Agreement, the Contractor provides Nurturing Parenting Program (NPP) and Supervised Visitation Services, coordinating health and social services for at-risk families referred by Child Protective Services, some of whom also receive CalWORKs benefits. The Contractor provides supervised supervision/parenting sessions, and/or group services;

utilizing the NPP best practices; use of strength based and multi-disciplinary approaches; and focus on family stability and self-sufficiency.

In addition, Court-ordered monitored visits are provided by Certified Monitors for children from birth up to the age of 18. This supervised visitation occurs in a neutral setting that is conducive to quality visits by non-custodial parents who otherwise would not see their children at all, or who may not have been able to be with their children for many months, benefiting both the parents and their children.

The Nurturing Parenting Programs are family-centered initiatives designed to build nurturing parenting skills. The long term goals are to:

- Prevent recidivism in families receiving social services
- Lower the rate of teenage pregnancies
- Reduce the rate of juvenile delinquency and alcohol abuse
- Stop the intergenerational cycle of child abuse by teaching positive parenting behaviors

It is recommended that the Board approve this amendment which will increase the contract maximum to ensure that client services are available through this contract provider to match the levels of community need for CalWORKs families receiving Nurturing Parenting Program services as referred by Child Protective Services, improving outcomes for Nevada County children and families.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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