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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 10, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tex Ritter

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Sierra Forever Families for the provision of services related to Resource Family Approval (RFA) and Post-Adoption Services in the maximum amount of \$138,750 for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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.

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 renewal contract 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: Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services