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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jill Blake

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the renewal

contract with Child Advocates of Nevada County for the provision of Healthy Families America (HFA) home visiting program services as a component of the County's implementation of the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) to increase the maximum contract price from \$678,922 to \$1,369,938 (an increase of \$691,016) and extend the contract

term through September 30, 2022 (RES. 20-425)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: Contract services are from federal dollars awarded through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for implementation of a local maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program. Services are within the department's Client Care Services FY 2021/22 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: On October 13, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the renewal contract with Child Advocates of Nevada County per Resolution No. 20-425 to provide home visiting services following the Healthy Families America (HFA) model. Contractor's staff delivers home visiting services throughout Nevada County (both Eastern and Western County Regions). This Amendment will continue those services through September 30, 2022 and increase the contract amount to \$1,369,938 (an increase of \$691,016).

Pregnant women are referred to the program through local health care provider agencies or other community partners. The Contractor will assess and enroll eligible families for HFA 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.

The Contractor will continue to 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.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as services provided continue to 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: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health