



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 08/19/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Social Services and County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services – Resource Family Approval Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services (DSS), to implement a Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program from March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017; and
2. Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, as an authorized individual to sign all necessary, duly approved documents and agreements for the RFA Program; and
3. Determine that the execution of the MOU is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), finding that the execution of the Agreement is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

CDSS and DSS wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding operation of the Resource Family Approval program, a resource family approval process that unifies selected elements from existing processes for licensing foster family homes, approving relatives or non-relative extended family members, guardians and approving adoptive families as authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code section 16519.5 from March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

Background:

The purpose of the Resource Family Approval Program is to implement a unified, family-friendly, and child-centered resource family approval process to replace the existing multiple processes for licensing foster family homes and approving relatives and non-relative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving families for legal guardianship or adoption.

A Resource Family shall be considered eligible to provide foster care for related and unrelated children in out-of-home placement, shall be considered and approved for adoption or legal guardianship, and shall not have to undergo any additional approval or licensure.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY2014/15 Cost</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>	<u>FY2014/15 Total Cost</u>
General Fund		\$ -	\$ -
State			\$ -
Federal			\$ -
Fees			\$ -
Other:		\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

There is no fiscal or facilities impact.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please send two (2) original signature pages in blue ink, and one (1) minute order to:

Department of Social Services
Attn: Contracts Coordinator, 3rd Floor
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

1. MOU between CDSS and DSS for RFA Program

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cc: