



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 3/7/17
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) for Educational Support for Dependent Youth (IV-E Foster Care Administrative Activities)

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:

- a) Approve and authorize the County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services (DSS) Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) for Educational Support for Dependent Youth (IV-E Foster Care Administrative Activities) (Attachment 1); and
- b) Authorize the Director of DSS to execute up to five (5) one-year extensions of the term of this MOU subject to annual appropriations; and
- c) Determine that the above recommend actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the execution of the MOU 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:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the MOU between DSS and SBCEO for Educational Support for Dependent Youth (IV-E Foster Care Administrative Activities). It is the recommendation of DSS to authorize and execute this MOU with SBCEO.

Background:

SBCEO operates Foster Youth Services (FYS) and is responsible for providing services in accordance with Education Code Sections 42920 - 42925. Under this direction, SBCEO serves dependent youth placed in foster care in Santa Barbara County.

In addition, effective in January 2004, DSS was made aware of Assembly Bill 490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) requiring the adherence to key provisions supporting the educational opportunities within the best interest of the children in foster care. The passage of Assembly Bill 854 (Chapter 781), in October of 2015, further clarified the requirements of operating a Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP).

Subsequently, SBCEO and DSS have collaborated in an effort to better serve and support our County’s foster youth and their respective educational needs. This MOU is intended to ensure that all foster youth in Santa Barbara County receive support for educational opportunities, in accord with Education Code Sections 42921, 48853.5 and 49069.5.

The purpose of this MOU is to identify the specific and general responsibilities of each participant within the framework of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. This MOU conforms to applicable federal, state, and local laws and shall be updated as required pursuant to any change in federal, state, or local laws to ensure compliance therewith.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 102,922.00		\$ 102,922.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 102,922.00	\$ -	\$ 102,922.00

Narrative: Approval and execution of this MOU will result in a total cost not to exceed \$102,922.00, for the remainder of FY 16/17 and will be reviewed for renewal on 6/30/2017. Total program cost is \$367,580 and SBCEO is responsible for the local match amount, which is estimated at 72% of the total program cost. Funding for this agreement is comprised of Title IV-E funds that will pass through DSS to SBCEO. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed. DSS has had a positive and productive relationship with SBCEO. DSS is confident of SBCEO’s abilities to continue providing services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Please send two (2) duplicate original MOUs, and a copy of the minute order to:
DSS Contracts Unit
C/O Tricia Beebe
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – MOU DSS SBCEO Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

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