

The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department



TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Health and Human Services Department to enter into Agreements with the California Department of Social Services for the Resource Family Approval Program

DATE: October 22, 2024

NUMBER: 558/2024

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution authorizing the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) to enter into Agreements with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, and further authorizing the HHSD Director to execute, on behalf of the County of Yuba and upon review and approval of County Counsel, all subsequent documents related to the RFA program.

Background

The Resource Family Approval (RFA) program was created to provide a unified family friendly, and child-centered resource family approval process, replacing multiple processes for licensing foster family homes, certifying foster homes by licensed foster family agencies, approving relatives and nonrelative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving guardians and adoptive families. The RFA program establishes a single set of standards for approvals which allow for the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of the children who have been victims of child abuse and neglect, reduce the use of congregate care placement settings, and decrease the length of time for each child to obtain permanency.

Discussion

The County and CDSS have identified services and activities to be provided by CDSS in order to expedite the delivery of services to children and non-minor dependents who reside in approved Resource Family (RF) homes. These Agreements establish the responsibilities as it relates to the provision and

receipt of Complaint Investigation services of approved RF homes through the CDSS Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD), as well as the provision and receipt of Legal Consultation and Legal Representation in administrative action appeals associated with the RFA program. CDSS's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Investigate on behalf of HHSD, all complaint allegations made against RF's
- Conduct home visits within ten (10) days of the received complaint allegation
- Prepare written investigation reports for each allegation
- Coordinate and exchange information with HHSD for each RF complaint investigation
- Acts as the sole legal representative on behalf of HHSD in the provision of legal consultations and legal representation on appeals to RFA Notice of Actions
- Consults with HHSD on any such actions arising out of an RFA Notice of Action

The Agreement for RFA legal consultation and representation is for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027. The Agreement for RFA complaint investigations is for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was bypassed as it is routine in nature and there is no impact to the General Fund.

Fiscal Impact:

Budget

- Will be included in the Board Approved FY 24/25 Budget Appropriation

Total Projected Cost

- Complaint Investigation Services – Two (2) year contract for a total cost not to exceed \$31,622
- Legal Consultation/Representation Services – Three (3) year contract \$0

Source of Funds

- Non-General Fund Complaint Investigation Services – \$31,622 State Funding
 - Resource Family Approval

Attachments

558/2024 Resolution - RFA Program 2024-2027

558/2024 RFA Complaints Agreement 24-5019

558/2024 RFA Legal Agreement 24-5072