The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Vasquez, Director
Tony Gordon, Deputy Director
Health and Human Services Department

SUBJECT: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Sutter County Health and Human Services Department

DATE: March 25, 2025

NUMBER: 136/2025

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Yuba County Health and Human Services Department (YCHHSD), Yuba County Probation Department (Probation), and Sutter County Health and Human Services Department (SCHHSD) to retain and provide oversight of a qualified provider of regional Family Urgent Response System (FURS) services for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and authorize the Chair to execute.

Background

Enacted through Section 107 of Senate Bill 80 (Statute of 2019) and amended by Assembly Bill 79 (Statutes of 2020), the mandated Family Urgent Response System (FURS) was instituted to serve current and former foster children, caregivers, and youth up to 21 years of age. The purpose is to establish a coordinated statewide, regional, and county-level system designed to provide collaborative and timely mobile response during situations of instability. The goal of the program is to preserve placement relationships between caregivers and youth in an effort to stabilize the living situation and promote a healthy and healing environment. Services include developmentally appropriate relationship conflict management and intervention assistance to stabilize the living situation, mitigate distress of the caregiver or child in addition to connecting the caregiver and child to an array of local services. A mobile response team will provide 24/7 in-person crisis stabilization and requires no less than two (2) highly trained individuals who possess specified credentials respond within one (1) hour for urgent situations and within 24 hours for non-urgent situations.

Since 2021, SCHHSD has been designated as the lead agency with both Yuba and Butte Counties to combine state funding allocations in order to retain a qualified provider for a regional approach to deliver FURS services.

Discussion

In 2021, Yuba, Sutter, and Butte Counties determined a regional collaboration to deliver the FURS would be in the best interest of all parties. This regional collaboration allows all three (3) counties the capacity to meet the 24 hours per day, 7 days per week requirements of SB 80 and AB 79. FURS includes extensive behavioral health requirements; therefore, Sutter County serves as the lead agency for all three (3) entities as they have skilled behavioral health staff with the technical expertise to oversee the behavioral health requirements. From January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, fifty-five (55) calls were routed from the state hotline to the regionalized FURS urgent hotline for Yuba County calls requiring immediate response. The caller type varied from caregiver, youth in foster care, and former foster youth. Of those calls, thirty-three (33) were dispatched for mobile crisis response, four (4) received referrals to other supportive services, fifteen (15) crisis situations were stabilized without additional intervention and three (3) declined additional services or disconnected.

YCHHSD and Probation would like to renew the MOU with SCHHSD to continue to deliver regional FURS services for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was bypassed as this MOU is routine in nature and has no impact to General Funds.

Fiscal Impact:

CDSS annually allocates $447,580 State funding directly to Sutter County to administer the Family Urgent Response System (FURS) on behalf of Yuba County

Attachments

136/2025 Sutter County - FURS MOU 2024-2025