



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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- a. Approve and authorize the Director or Assistant Director of the Department of Social Services to sign a no cost agreement with the Trustees of the California State University on behalf of San Jose State University, effective for five (5) years upon execution, to allow for placement of students in social work internships with the Department of Social Services; and
- b. Authorize the Director or Assistant Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three (3) amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not significantly change the terms of this agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This agreement with the Trustees of the California State University on behalf of San Jose State University (SJSU) allows the Department of Social Services (DSS) to accept student interns from SJSU. Through this agreement, students enrolled in SJSU's Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Masters of Social Work curriculums will acquire and test skills relevant to emerging conditions of Social Work practice in real world service situations by working with at-risk clients under the guidance of a skilled DSS supervisor.

DSS needs qualified social workers and provides field practice internships through similar agreements with the California State University Monterey at Monterey Bay and Brandman University. DSS has collaborated with SJSU in providing a Social Work internship program since 2011. If approved, this agreement will allow for the continuation of this successful Social Work internship program.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has approved this Agreement as to form. Risk Management has approved this agreement as to insurance, indemnification, and liability provisions

FINANCING:

This is a no cost agreement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services and Economic Development Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by providing opportunities for community members to gain valuable professional development and educational opportunities through a student internship program. These students

will then be able to apply those skills to careers in the field of social work to help at-risk populations in Monterey County.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development
 - Administration
- Health & Human Services
 - Infrastructure
 - Public Safety

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Attachments: Agreement

Proposed agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.