



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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- b. Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three (3) amendments to this agreement where the amendments do not significantly change the scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allows the Monterey County Department of Social Services to provide Seneca Family of Agencies limited access to child welfare case files and the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System in order to provide contracted services to youth and families. These services include Family Finding, family connection/engagement, Child and Family Team (CFT) participation, planning for lifelong connections, emotional/mental health supports, and life skills coaching. This MOU aligns with the Core Practice Model (CPM) by encouraging family engagement, teaming with partner agencies, advocating for youth, and exploring family connections.

The California Department of Social Services is requesting that counties execute MOUs around information sharing with contractors in order to advance the implementation of CPM, adhere to the requirements of the Continuous Care Reform (CCR), and meet funding guidelines.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Auditor-Controller and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this agreement. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

This is a no cost agreement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to improve the quality of life for foster children by expanding the capacity for finding and engaging families in the child welfare process.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

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

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Attachments: Seneca MOU

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