

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/Social Services

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize the Department to enter into a Reporting Service Agreement for Internet Access to SafeMeasures® with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), The Children's Research Center division, for reporting services regarding the Child Welfare Services program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attachment.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Board Memo, Pages 1-2
Source:		Agreement, Pages 3-11
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 07-256 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
AW Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: *[Signature]*



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Alcohol & Drug Community Action Housing Authority Mental Health Public Guardian/Conservator Social Services
CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, MSW, DIRECTOR

May 30, 2007

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Child Welfare Services/ Authorization to Enter into an Agreement for Reporting Services

Recommendation

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Background / Current Situation

Adopted in 2001 and put into effect in 2004, the California Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (AB636) mandated a series of measures that provide indicators of key program outcomes, processes, and receipt of critical services. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in collaboration with the University of California, Berkeley (UCB), collects data from each of the 58 California counties through the Child Welfare Services/ Case Management System (CWS/CMS) database to track county progress with regard to the measures. Using this information, Outcome & Accountability County Data Reports are published quarterly to provide information on county performance. The quarterly reports are designed as a tool to monitor outcomes at the state and county level and to help counties improve service delivery to clients by focusing on the following areas: Child Welfare Services Participation Rates; Safety Outcomes; Permanency Outcomes; and Child and Family Well-Being Outcomes.

Currently, we have no reliable method of tracking this county's outcome measure progress on a basis more frequent than quarterly. An ad hoc reporting system exists in CWS/CMS; however, it is not a dependable resource for isolating the data that cause changes in outcome measures.

SafeMeasures® is a reporting service that allows Child Welfare Services staff to monitor delivery of services to clients on a biweekly basis. The service is currently utilized by 44 of the 58 counties in California, including Merced, Madera, and Fresno, as part of the quality assurance process. SafeMeasures® provides data extracted from the CWS/CMS database in the form of graphs and charts that focus specifically on the measures used in the quarterly Outcome & Accountability reports. This gives Child Welfare Services staff the ability to focus in on problem areas and redirect efforts as necessary in a timely fashion. The goal is to effect better outcomes for children and families through a more accurate and timely review of data using the SafeMeasures® service.

Financial

The National Council on Crime and Delinquency requires a two year contract to subscribe to the SafeMeasures® service. The subscription fee is \$5,500 per year, \$11,000 total contract. 50% of the total contract, or \$5,500, is due upon the contract effective date; the remaining \$5,500 is due on the anniversary date of the contract. The Department has received approval of the required Advanced Planning Document (APD) that confirms State and Federal financial participation through the Social Services County Expense Claim. This agreement is budgeted in the current fiscal year for the required 50% and in the next year for the renewal. There are no general funds required.