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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Jennifer Yasumoto - Director  
Health & Human Services Administration

**REPORT BY:** JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Cope Family Center, Inc. (CalWORKS Home Visiting Initiative)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an Agreement with Cope Family Center, Inc. for an annual maximum of \$36,612 for the term January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 and each automatic renewal thereof to provide services to carry out the CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Senate Bill (SB) 840 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) appropriated approximately \$26.9 million for the CalWORKs (CW) Home Visiting Initiative (HVI). Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2018) codified the requirements of the HVI. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) put out a request for proposals/county plans to all counties to access funding to implement HVI. Funding was awarded on a competitive basis. Napa County received notification on December 3, 2018 that we were awarded funds to implement the CW HVI program.

Napa County Self Sufficiency Services Division (SSSD) issued a Request for Proposal on August 16, 2018 seeking qualified home visiting programs with established evidence-based models that match the criteria set forth in SB 840. SSSD received one response from Cope Family Center, Inc. (Cope). SSSD staff, along with staff from the Public Health Department, Fiscal Department, and First 5 Napa, reviewed the proposal and determined that Cope's established evidence-based home visiting program is an efficient and effective program to meet the needs of the families in SSSD. This Agreement with Cope Family Services, Inc. (Cope) will provide a valuable evidence-based home visiting program to strengthen SSSD's support in leading families towards self sufficiency.

Cope is a local vendor.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Health & Human Services Self Sufficiency Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This is an optional program for home visiting services. Implementing this program will allow new parents to receive additional supports.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This contract is subject to automatic renewal and appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, Self-Sufficiency will be unable to provide Home Visiting services to CalWORKs families.

Additional Information:

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

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The purpose of the HVI is to support positive health, development, and well-being outcomes for pregnant and parenting women, families, and infants born into poverty, expanding their future educational, economic, and financial capability opportunities, and improving the likelihood that they will exit poverty. Home visiting is an evidence-based, voluntary program model that pairs new parents with a nurse, or other trained professional who makes regular visits in the participant's home to provide guidance, coaching, access to prenatal and postnatal care, and other health and social services.

The pairing of home visiting with CalWORKs provides an opportunity to connect parents with necessary resources, improve their parenting skills and household order, and ensure that their children have a safe and nurturing environment that allow them to thrive and grow. The primary program components include:

- | voluntary evidence-based home visitation;
- | case management services including collaborative case management plans

- | close coordination and communication with County staff; and
- | enrollment in Early Learning Programs.

Funding for CW HVI was awarded to Napa County for one 6-month period (January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019) for a total of \$18,306, and an additional year of funding will be awarded based off of the Request for County Plan for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$36,612, given it is appropriated in the State Budget. Napa County is expecting to be funded \$56,918 during this first application cycle which operates January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (18 months). Continuous funding for CW HVI for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 is dependent on a new application submission and subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

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#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri