RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF THE FORMAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENT AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT WITH THE CHILD CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, INC. (4Cs) TO ADMINISTER THE FOSTER CARE BRIDGE PROGRAM IN SAN MATEO COUNTY FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $214,666

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, since its implementation in January 2018, the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program (Bridge Program), funded by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), has provided time-limited child care vouchers, navigator services, and trauma-informed care training to stabilize foster children, youth under court jurisdiction, relative caregivers, and parenting youth in foster care, ensuring children are placed in safe, developmentally appropriate settings while supporting caregivers in balancing work and home responsibilities**;** and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 89 (SB 89) requires participating counties to contract with their designated Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) Program agency to provide trauma-informed care and navigator services and authorizes counties to contract with their designated Alternative Payment Program (APP) provider to administer child care subsidy payments; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, the Human Services Agency (HSA) oversees the implementation of state child care programs and contracts with the Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County, Inc. (4Cs) to operate the county's APP services, including determining family eligibility, enrolling participants, managing program requirements, and issuing subsidy payments directly to providers; and

WHEREAS, 4Cs is both the California Department of Education–designated APP provider and San Mateo County's designated R&R Program agency, ensuring compliance with state program requirements and efficient administration of child care subsidies; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge Program operates within the framework of California's Alternative Payment Program (CAPP), a state-funded child care subsidy program administered by CDSS through designated local agencies; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, the County entered into an agreement with 4Cs to administer the Bridge Program for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for the CDSS allocation amount of $108,071; and

WHEREAS, the program is critical for ensuring foster children and youth with exceptional needs have access to high-quality child care, supporting families in securing stable placements, and equipping providers with trauma-informed training, promoting continuity, safety, and positive outcomes for the County's most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, HSA anticipates receiving an allocation of $106,595 for Fiscal Year 2026-27 to continue operation of the Bridge Program; and

WHEREAS, HSA requests the County execute an amendment with 4Cs to increase the term by 12 months for a new term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, and increasing the funding by $106,595 for a new total obligation amount of $214,666, to cover the cost to continue operating the program for the additional term; and

WHEREAS, under Section IV, paragraph B(2) of Administrative Memorandum B-1, a competitive solicitation may be waived when services are only available from a single source; and

WHEREAS, HSA is requesting that the Board authorize a waiver of the formal solicitation requirement because Senate Bill 89 requires counties to contract with their designated Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) agency, which in San Mateo is 4Cs, to provide navigator and trauma-informed care services.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to waive the requirement for a formal solicitation process and execute said agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of the board shall attest the President’s signature thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Human Services Agency, or designee, is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than $25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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