



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 21-726

Board Meeting Date: 9/14/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Ken Cole, Director, Human Services Agency
Subject: Agreement with the San Mateo County Office of Education for Educational Liaison Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) to provide educational liaison services for children in the shelter/foster care system, for the term of August 20, 2021 through August 19, 2024 for a total obligation not to exceed \$864,852.

BACKGROUND:

Foster youth and youth in shelters face various challenges that lead to a higher than average school drop-out rate. The California Department of Education does not provide funds to ensure that all eligible youth are connected to critical educational services. It is essential to ensure that youth in foster care receive these services so their out-of-home placement does not hinder their ability to receive a quality education.

To meet this critical need, the Human Services Agency (HSA) will provide support through educational liaison services for foster/shelter youth to connect them with the appropriate educational resources.

DISCUSSION:

SMCOE provides two educational liaisons to develop educational plans and provide case management services for students placed by HSA and the County of San Mateo's Probation Department in the shelter/foster care system. The liaisons will facilitate placements of shelter/foster care students into appropriate school settings, obtain educational histories, refer students for educational assessments as needed, and support placement staff with educational planning. Additionally, liaisons will provide referrals for tutoring services and limited case management.

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The resolution contains the County's standard provision allowing amendments of the County's fiscal

obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2021-22 Projected	FY 2022-23 Projected	FY 2023-24 Projected
Reduction in the average number of school days lost upon entering foster care and transferring schools.	1.25 days	1.21 days	1.21 days
Percent of Foster Youth in high school provided support to ensure the attainment of a High School Diploma, High School Equivalency Certificate and/or Certificate of Completion at a rate that surpasses the State foster youth average graduation rate (58%).	88%	90%	90%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Agreement is August 20, 2021 through August 20, 2024. The total obligation is \$864,852 and of which, \$507,751 is funded by Child Welfare Services (CWS) State Realignment revenue; \$139,494 with State general fund through Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) allocation; and \$217,607 Net County Cost. Funds and appropriations are included in the FY 2021-22 and FY2022-23 Recommended Budgets. Similar arrangement will be made for future budget years.