



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Human Services/Social Services · (209) 966-2000



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-203

MEETING: May 5, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Madera & Mariposa Counties Social Services Adoptions MOU 2015-2017

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Madera and Mariposa Counties Social Services to coordinate referrals and to provide assessments and reports required for adoptions of children who are dependents of the Child Welfare System in an amount not to exceed \$28,500 per year for 2015-2017, and authorize the Human Services Director to sign the MOU.

Under this MOU, Madera County will provide expertise in determining adoptability and provide assessments at several stages in the adoption process when Child Welfare System dependent children are considered for adoption. These reports and assessments are part of extensive reviews and hearings required by the Welfare and Institutions Codes Sections 361.5, 366.21, 366.22, 366.26, etc. Before an adoption can be considered and finalized. Mariposa County Social Services will benefit from the staff and expertise of Madera County Social Services to thoroughly investigate and document potential adoption cases.

This MOU was approved on the April 7, 2015, agenda of the Madera County Board of Supervisors, item 10352-C-2015.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

A previous MOU with Madera County was signed by the Human Services Director on July 10, 2012.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this MOU is not approved, Mariposa County Social Services will be greatly hindered in adequately investigating and documenting adoptability of Child Welfare system dependent children.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This MOU will not impact the County General Fund. Sufficient funds have been budgeted in the Social Services line 001-0501-661-0436 to cover the costs of this MOU.

ATTACHMENTS:

Madera County PSSF Adoption Supports Agreement 2015 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson

Mary Hodson, CAO

4/28/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier