RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-500

MEETING: July 25, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with CDSS and Mariposa County

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Regarding the Provision and Receipt of Legal Services Associated with the Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The RFA program was created to provide unified, family friendly, and child-centered resource family approval process to replace multiple processes for licensing foster homes, approving relatives and non-relative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving adoptive families; establish a single set of standards for resource family approvals which allow for the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of the children who have been victims of abuse and neglect; reduce the use of congregate care placement settings; and decrease the length of time for each child to obtain permanency. Pursuant to Government Code section 30029.7, subdivision (a), the County and CDSS may enter into an agreement for CDSS to provide services or activities related to RFA. The County and CDSS have identified certain services or activities to be provided by CDSS in order to expedite the delivery of services to children and non-minor dependents who reside or may reside in an approved resource family home.

The Board typically has approved agreements of this nature in the past.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board does not approve the Agreement, the Human Services Department will not be able to utilize the legal consultation services provided by CDSS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS:
Standard Agreement between CDSS & Mariposa County (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey