RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-131

MEETING: March 17, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Infant/Child Enrichment Services, Inc. (ICES) 2020/21 Child Care Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an agreement with Infant/Child Enrichment Services (ICES) to provide child care services in an amount not to exceed $85,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the agreement.

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) contracts with ICES for child care services for parents participating in the Welfare to Work program. The Department contracts with ICES for Stage One Child Care Services for CalWORKs/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients who are participating in an approved employment activity such as, but not limited to: employment, job search, and attending training or school. Stage One child care begins upon entry of a person into the CalWORKs assistance program, while Stage Two may begin when the County determines stability, or when a recipient is transitioning off aid. Stage Two child care is usually paid by ICES out of separate funding they receive.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The existing agreement was approved by the Board on June 11, 2019 by Resolution 2019-324.

The Board entered into an agreement with ICES in 1998 (Resolution 98-281) and has continued to renew this contract for services annually since that time.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
In order to comply with Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the HHSA Welfare to Work program must provide for paid child care to recipients participating in employment activities. Without the services of this contractor, the Agency would be challenged to provide child care services efficiently.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract is budgeted in the FY2020-2021 budget for Human Services division with Health and Human Services Agency. There is no financial impact to the County’s General Fund.
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ATTACHMENTS:
ICES - 2021 Agreement Wcsignature (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey