



**MEMORANDUM**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: November 8, 2016

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Contract Amendment for Sierra Forever Families

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the first amendment to contract CN005829 with Sierra Forever Families to provide expanded services for engagement, retention, and support of relative and non-related extended family member (NREFM) resource families, to increase the total compensation by \$50,000 for a revised aggregate amount of \$142,400, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment, and subsequent amendments not to exceed 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work, with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Children's System of Care has contracted with Sierra Forever Families (SFF) for a full-time Foster Parent Liaison position for many years. This position was created to personally assist and support foster care licensed resource families and bridge any gaps between the resource family and the department. This person also provides training, coordinates child care activities for resource family training, and represents the Placer Kids Collaborative in public and private settings. The service has proved to be highly successful in increasing placement stability and foster parent retention, and has primarily been available to licensed foster parents.

Placer County Children's System of Care has been awarded additional funds by the California Department of Social Services, to recruit, retain and support foster parents, resource families, and relative and non-related extended family member (NREFM) caregivers. These funds are intended to supplement an existing service, not supplant or begin a new service. Funds were awarded to SFF last fiscal year to hire a part-time liaison to focus on support of relative and NREFM caregivers, in addition to the licensed foster parents. We are recommending use of these additional awarded funds this year to increase the relative/NREFM Foster Parent Liaison position at SFF to full-time status in order to significantly increase our focus on our relative and NREFM families. This will also provide needed support for the mandatory Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program implementation as part of Continuum of Care Reform.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Expenditures of \$142,400 are included in the Department's FY 2016-17 Final Budget. The contract amount of \$142,400 reflects an increase of \$50,000 from the existing contract and the contract is fully funded with State and Federal funds. No County General Funds are required.

This amendment is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

