



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

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 5, 2020

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

SUBJECT: One Year Umbrella Authorization for School Transportation Services for Foster Children

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve annual contracts with multiple entities for School Transportation for Foster Children pursuant to Public Law (PL) 110-351, in an aggregate amount of \$150,000 by way of a maximum payment authorization established by the Auditor-Controller from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, approve the provider list and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreements with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to amend the list of providers as long as any amendments are reflected in the FY 2020-2021 list.

BACKGROUND

The Children's System of Care is mandated by the State Department of Social Services (CDSS) to make agreements with local school districts to provide reimbursement to those schools that are providing transportation to foster children who are continuing in their school of origin even when placed outside their current school of origin boundary. Public Law 110-351 amended the existing Title IV-E funding structure to ensure that an educational stability case plan is put into place for all foster children, which includes the right to remain at their school of origin. Foster parents, other placement agencies, and social workers also provide transportation, but this is not possible or practical at times.

This umbrella agreement would allow CSOC to add providers throughout the year as they begin to provide this service, helping to ensure that timely and effective transportation are delivered to foster youth to help them have a safe and stable educational environment. The flexibility of this umbrella authorization is needed because the transportation needs of foster children are fluid and become urgent when needed. The providers that provide transportation services currently are listed in Attachment 1. All providers added to the annual list under the Director's amendment authority will be published to the Board by inclusion on the FY 2020-21 district list.

Reimbursement rates for these transportation services are set by the State Department of Social Services. The funding required for these services is projected to be \$150,000 in 2020-2021 as the division continues to assess for the need.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these services in the amount of \$150,000 include Federal and State funding of \$127,500 (85%) and a required County General Fund match of \$22,500 (15%). These are included in the Department's Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Placer County Providers - Foster Youth Transportation

The template agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board.

Attachment 1

Placer County Providers - Foster Youth Transportation Effective FY 2020-21

Auburn Union School District

Colfax Elementary School District*

Eureka Union School District*

Loomis Union School District

Placer County Office of Education

Placer Union High School District

Rocklin Unified School District

Roseville City School District

Roseville Joint Union High School District

Western Placer Unified School District

*Newly added for FY 2020-21