



Board Agenda Item 45

DATE: October 17, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Kari Gilbert, Director, Department of Child Support Services

SUBJECT: Retroactive Plan of Cooperation between Fresno County Department of Child Support Services and Fresno Superior Court of California

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Child Support Services to execute a retroactive Plan of Cooperation between the Fresno County Department of Child Support Services and the Fresno Superior Court of California effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019 (\$0).

The purpose of the Plan of Cooperation (POC) is to delineate the respective responsibilities of both agencies for administering Title IV-D services in the County. The previous POC expired on September 30, 2017. There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The California Department of Child Support Services only requires the Fresno County Department of Child Support Services Director signature on the POC.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Approval of the recommended action is required per the agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Judicial Council of California.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

This POC is retroactive as it was received by the Department in late July 2017. Subsequent review and processing delayed completion of this item for placement on an earlier Board date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The Department is fully funded by Federal (66%) and State (34%) revenue sources.

DISCUSSION:

Fresno County Department of Child Support Services functions as the State's Local Child Support Agency for Fresno County. On November 17, 2015, your Board approved the Director to sign the current POC, which expired on September 30, 2017. The primary purpose of the POC is to secure the assistance of the Court to administer the duties as specified in the California Code of Civil Procedures section 259 and the California Family Code section 4251(d). The POC also defines and allocates responsibilities, both individually and mutually, between the Fresno County Department of Child Support Services and the Fresno Superior Court of California in relation to the child support enforcement program under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The Court and the Department agree to collaborate and comply with Title IV-D performance standards including time frames for case processing, record maintenance, and handling cases in accordance with procedures mandated by federal

and state laws and regulations. The recommended POC shall be effective October 1, 2017 and shall expire on September 30, 2019. The POC shall be subject to amendment as necessary to reflect new or revised state and federal laws, regulations, court rules, and requirements.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #36, November 17, 2015

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with the Clerk - Superior Court POC

CAO ANALYST:

Juan Lopez