Legislation Text

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DATE: October 5, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: 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 Plan of Cooperation between the Fresno County Department of Child Support Services and the Fresno Superior Court of California effective upon execution through July 1, 2025, which includes one automatic 2-year extension ($0).

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. 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 current POC expired on September 30, 2021. The California Department of Child Support Services only requires the Fresno County Department of Child Support Services Director signature on the POC. This item is countywide.

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.

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:

The Fresno County Department of Child Support Services functions as the State's Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) for Fresno County. On September 24, 2019, the Board approved the Director to sign the current POC which expired on September 30, 2021. 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 LCSA and Fresno Superior Court of California in relation to the Child Support Enforcement program under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The LCSA and the Court 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 upon execution and shall expire on July 1, 2023. The POC shall automatically renew for an additional two-year term, until and unless it is superseded by a future POC. 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 #30, September 24, 2019

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Superior Court POC

CAO ANALYST:

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