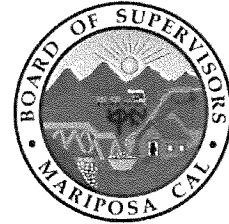




MARIPOSA COUNTY

Child Support Services ·



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-208

MEETING: April 16, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sharon Wardale-Trejo,
RE: Approve the Merced-Mariposa Child Support Services Regionalization
MOU

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) continuing the Merced-Mariposa Regional Department of Child Support Services effective May 1, 2019; for a three year period; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the MOU.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Since its development the State Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) has encouraged local child support agencies to consider opportunities for consolidation for program efficiencies.

On April 27, 2016, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors approved the adoption of an MOU between Merced and Mariposa Counties to regionalize the child support program and administrative activities of the two departments for a pilot period of two years, May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2018. The agreement had a provision to automatically renew for one period of 12 months. The regionalization model adopted established two separate and distinct departments under an administrative umbrella of regionalization, with all administrative components related to the regionalized department being performed by the lead county, Merced.

Consolidation of functions of the respective departments can improve the efficiency of the state child support program while retaining accountability, accessibility, and program outreach to the children and citizens of Merced and Mariposa Counties. The pilot period was approved to allow for a better understanding of how the regionalization effort would be implemented.

The regionalization has realized efficiencies and benefited the customers from both agencies through an exchange of best practices and sharing of resources. February 26, 2019, the Merced County Board of Supervisors approved the existing regionalization to be extended for a period of three years. It is requested and recommended for the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to also approve the MOU for the Merced-Mariposa Regional Department of Child Support Services for an additional period of

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three years, May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2022.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the MOU and give further direction. A new Director would need to be hired in May 2019. Not continuing regionalization with Merced could put current Mariposa county agency employees in jeopardy as State funding has been flat for 15 years while salary, benefits and cost of doing business has increased. The increased costs must be absorbed in the current funding unless the County is willing to provide General Fund support. Currently the department does not receive any General Fund support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

2019-22 Regionalization Agreement (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann

EXCUSED: Miles Menetrey