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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date: November 8, 2016

Subject: F&HS Referral No. 44 Challenges for EHSD - Continuum of Care: Foster Care

RECOMMENDATION(S):

CONSIDER accepting the report from the Employment and Human Services Department on the department's implementation of the foster care Continuum of Care Reform.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Although the details on the terms of the reimbursement mechanism and timing of payments to ensure cost neutrality on the assistance payments and administrative costs of the Continuum of Care Reform program have not been communicated to counties by the California Department of Social Services, it is expected that no additional County general funds will be required.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2012, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in partnership with the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) launched the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) effort. Authorized through Senate Bill (SB) 1013 (Statutes of 2012), the CCR will develop recommended revisions to the state's current rate

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/08/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 8, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Kathy Gallagher,
EHSD Director

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setting system, services and programs serving children and families in the continuum of Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care (AFDC-FC) eligible placement settings.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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For the past several years, the Employment and Human Services - Children and Family Services has been working toward the inevitable implementation of Continuum of Care Reform by following state guidelines for reducing youth in congregate care and closely monitoring those that are in care by semi annual justifications and step down plans to make sure youth are either returned to their biological parents or raised in family based care.

On June 7, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved the recommendation of the Employment and Human Services Director to eliminate the "Office of the Future" component of the Family and Human Services *Referral #44 - Challenges for EHSD* and expanded the referral to include a report on the Continuum of Care (Foster Care) topic. Including this topic will allow the department to keep the Board informed of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), AB 403, which is a comprehensive reform effort built on many years of policy changes designed to improve outcomes for youth in foster care. The goal of CCR is to ensure that youth in foster care have their day-to-day physical, mental, and emotional needs met; that they have the greatest chance to grow up in permanent and supportive homes; and that they have the opportunity to grow into self-sufficient, successful adults.

On September 12, 2016, the Family and Human Service Committee accepted a report from the Employment and Human Services Department on foster care Continuum of Care Reform and approved forwarding the report to the Board as a meeting discussion item.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board will not be informed on the State directives to the County regarding the implementation of AB 403 - Continuum of Care Reform.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

ATTACHMENTS

Memo to BOS on CCR

CCR Powerpoint