



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/9/2025

File #: 25-1037

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Child Support Services

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Resolution to Change the Name of North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCRDCSS) to Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency (HTCSA)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt resolution to change the name of North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCRDCSS) to Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency (HTCSA); and
2. Recognize Bennett Hoffmann as the Director of Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency; and
3. Authorize the attached logo as the official logo and graphics for Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency; and
4. Authorize Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency to update any existing contracts to reflect the new name change.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCRDCSS) was established Dec. 15, 2015, to administer the local Child Support programs for Humboldt and Trinity Counties.

On Dec. 21, 2021, the regional agreement was renewed by Humboldt and Trinity Counties' Boards of Supervisors for a term of five years.

In state fiscal year 2024-25, the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) changed the way regional child support departments are funded. This resulted in DCSS determining the current regional agreement governing the Humboldt and Trinity child support agencies was no longer valid. In January 2025, the department ended its regional agreement and entered into a shared services agreement. The operational structure of the department has not changed. The departments continue to operate as one agency, serving the constituents of Humboldt and Trinity Counties.

A name change to Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency would align with federal and state Child Support naming conventions and accurately reflect the new shared services agreement dated April 4, 2025. It further avoids confusion by the public by clearly

identifying that the agency serves both Humboldt and Trinity Counties.

It should be noted that this item came before your Board on consent at the Aug. 19, 2025, meeting. However, the resolution to change the name of NCRDCSS to HTCSA was not made available to the public. Therefore, the item is bringing brought back today for adoption of the resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Child Support Services Fund (1380)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to approving the resolution other than staff time to prepare the item. Expenses for new signage and materials have been included in the adopted fiscal year 2025-26 Child Support Services budget, 1380206.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

There is no impact to staffing.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the name change for Child Support. However, this is not recommended as it would result in continued confusion in the coverage area and type of services provided.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed logo and Graphics for Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency
2. Name Change Resolution Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 08/19/2025

File No.: 25-856