



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/10/2023

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Behavioral Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Application Process for Collaborative Partnership Agreements Regarding the Provision of Professional Services Intended to Reduce the Number of Adverse Childhood Experiences Occurring Within Humboldt County

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached collaborative partnership agreement application package;
2. Approve the attached collaborative partnership agreement templates regarding the provision of professional services intended to reduce the number of Adverse Childhood Experiences occurring within Humboldt County;
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute collaborative partnership agreements that are substantially similar to the attached collaborative partnership agreement templates, and any subsequent amendments thereto, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit with one (1) fully executed copy of the Board Order regarding this item.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Behavioral Health Fund (1170); General Fund (1100)

**DISCUSSION:**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (“ACEs”) are defined as traumatic or stressful events, including, without limitation, abuse, neglect, violence and dissolution of familial stability, experienced by children. These traumatic experiences can affect an individual throughout their life. Such events are strong predictors of long-lasting behavioral health problems that can impact social development, family life, education, occupation productivity and physical health. Prevention, early identification and the development of a support system for children who are subjected to ACEs could have a significant impact on the range of potential health problems experienced thereby.

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health (“DHHS -

Behavioral Health”) and First 5 Humboldt partnered in 2017 to form the ACEs Collaborative for the purpose of addressing ACEs through the provision of education, mitigation and prevention services. On June 25, 2017, the Board approved General Fund allocations to DHHS - Behavioral Health in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) annually to support collaboration with local community-based organizations in order to reduce the number of ACEs occurring within Humboldt County.

The attached application package and collaborative partnership agreement templates will enable DHHS - Behavioral Health and First 5 Humboldt to award Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to community-based organizations that are working with pregnant women and children, zero (0) to eight (8) years of age, and their families to address, prevent and mitigate the effects of ACEs within Humboldt County. The review and approval process regarding requests for collaborative partnership agreements will be led by DHHS - Behavioral Health and First 5 Humboldt staff who have expertise pertaining to ACEs and are not affiliated with any community-based organizations who have submitted such requests. The project period for fiscal year 2022-2023 will be extended to June 30, 2024, in order to allow time to publish the funding opportunity, select proposals and execute agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The maximum amount payable for services rendered, costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Collaborative Partnership Agreement shall not exceed Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$24,900.00). Administrative, overhead and indirect expenses included in the project budgets may not exceed ten percent (10%) of direct costs. The maximum amount to be awarded under the collaborative partnership agreements is Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for fiscal year 2022-2023 and comes from the General Fund allocation to DHHS - Behavioral Health. Expenditure appropriations related to the collaborative partnership agreements have been included in the approved fiscal year 2022-2023 budget for DHHS - Behavioral Health Administration budget unit 1170-424.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors’ Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, creating opportunities for improved health and safety, providing community-appropriate levels of Service and facilitating public and private partnerships to help solve problems.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

First 5 Humboldt

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached application package and collaborative partnership agreement templates regarding the provision of professional services intended to reduce the number of ACEs occurring in Humboldt County. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would significantly limit DHHS - Behavioral Health’s ability to address ACEs through the provision of education, mitigation and prevention services.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Collaborative Partnership Agreement Package:
  - a. ACEs Collaborative Partnership Agreement Request Guidelines
  - b. ACEs Collaborative Partnership Agreement Request
2. Collaborative Partnership Agreement Template (Non-Tribal Organizations)
3. Collaborative Partnership Agreement Template (Tribal Organizations)

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: C-17; C-22; C-14; C-25; D-11

Meeting of: 12/05/17; 07/31/18; 04/02/19; 07/28/20, 6/15/21

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