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Dear Commissioners,

Discuss and Approve Reallocation of Family Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Funding in the Amount up to \$10,000 to United Way, Family Resource & Referral Center, and Unite Us for Connected Community Network

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Commission approve Family Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (FamilyWORKs) funding in the amount up to \$10,000 to United Way, Family Resource & Referral Center and/or Unite Us to negotiate an agreement to participate in the Connected Community Network for the FamilyWORKs program.

Reason for the Recommendation:

St Joseph’s (Dignity Health) Community Health Center and United Way of San Joaquin County, in collaboration with the vendor, Unite Us, are convening partners to implement a technology that enables shared referrals directly between health care services and community-based organizations. The Connected Community Network (CCN) is based on a technology platform created by Unite Us. Family Resource and Referral Center, as the 2-1-1 provider in this county, is also a partner in this collaborative endeavor. As a provider of referrals for FamilyWORKs participants, this is a potential valuable resource to First 5 San Joaquin (F5SJ) funded programs, as a goal is to reduce the workflow regarding referrals. As a lead funder of home visitation services in the community, F5SJ recognizes the value of participation in a shared technology platform that supports clients living below the poverty line toward improved family functioning and the reduction of child poverty. Only FamilyWORKs is included in the pilot, FamilyWORKs will directly benefit from the pilot. One other county department, San Joaquin County Health Care Services/Whole Person Care, is also piloting this program. All potential efficiencies with this county department will be pursued.

The Agreement will encompass the following:

- a. Work plan to onboard with the CCN system
- b. MOU for partnership to purchase CCN/Unite Us services
- c. Licenses for usage of the CCN/Unite Us system.
- d. Roles and responsibilities of partners



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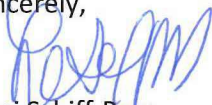
Fiscal Impact:

The Ten-Year Financial Plan and F5SJ Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 will be adjusted for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Commission staff will re-allocate \$10,000 from FamilyWORKs Material Goods and Supplies to a new line item under FamilyWORKs for Connected Community Network.

Actions to be Taken Following Approval:

F5SJ staff will negotiate an Agreement with the agencies listed above. Based on the role of each partner, specific funding will be determined. The Agreement(s) will be finalized and signed by the Human Services Agency Director. The San Joaquin County procurement policy directs the Human Services Agency Director to sign agreements up to \$250,000 and the Board of Supervisors to approve agreements over \$250,000.

Sincerely,



Lani Schiff-Ross
Executive Director

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cc: Amy Ferrell, United Way; Tiffany Phovixay, Family Resource and Referral Center; Sheeba Ibidunni, Unite Us