



## **County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors**

### **Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** Health Services Agency

**Subject:** Amendment to an Expenditure Agreement with Nurse-Family Partnership Organization

**Meeting Date:** January 28, 2025

**Formal Title:** Approve amendment to agreement with Nurse-Family Partnership Organization to implement Nurse-Family Partnership Expansion Initiative services, and take related actions

### **Recommended Actions**

Approve Amendment No. 1 to a multi-year expenditure rate agreement with Nurse-Family Partnership Organization, Contract No. 25H0114, to implement Nurse-Family Partnership Expansion Initiative services, and authorize the Health Services Agency Director or designee to sign.

### **Executive Summary**

The Health Services Agency (HSA) Public Health Division's (Public Health) Children and Family Health Branch (CFH) requests Board approval of an amendment to an existing expenditure agreement with the Nurse-Family Partnership Organization (NFP-Org) to implement Nurse-Family Partnership Expansion (NFPx), which incorporates late enrollment (after the 28th week of pregnancy and before the baby's birth) into the existing NFP program.

### **Discussion**

CFH has administered NFP in Santa Cruz County since 2017 when the Board dedicated funding to the Thrive by Three (now Thrive by 5) initiative to improve outcomes for the county's youngest and most vulnerable children, prenatal through age 3 (now age 5), and their families. On December 7, 2021, the Board approved the renewal of a multi-year rate agreement with NFP-Org for provision of ongoing staff training and support of the Nurse-Family Partnership Home Visiting Program, which automatically renews annually. The proposed amendment increases staff participation in the NFPx Initiative.

The NFPx Initiative is an effort by the National Service Office (NSO) for NFP to determine the effectiveness of two adaptations to the traditional NFP model – allowing for the enrollment of clients with previous live births and/or those enrolling after their 28th week of pregnancy and before the birth of the child ("late registrants"). Historically, NFP has been limited to first-time pregnant people and those enrolling early in pregnancy. NFPx was developed in response to a need identified by NFP sites across the country to serve more families impacted by economic and racial inequality that face barriers to healthcare and wellness resources, impacting health outcomes for themselves and their children. CFH was granted the opportunity to serve late registrants in the County of Santa Cruz.

### **Financial Impact**

Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 25H0114 with Nurse-Family Partnership adds new fees for NFPx services, projecting an annual increase in compensation of \$6,061 for an estimated annual cost of \$33,229. Sufficient appropriations are included in HSA Public

Health Division's FY 2024-25 Approved Budget under accounts 362750/62381/H29001, 362750/62381/H23011, and 362750/62381/H23014. The funding for this agreement includes CalWORKs Home Visiting Program, California Home Visiting Program State General Fund and Innovation Funds. No new County General funds are needed or requested.

**Strategic Initiatives**

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety

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**Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.