



RESOLUTION NO. **156-2020**  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Foster Family Agency Agreement 2020

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provides oversight and licensing to those Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) who meet the criteria set forth by CDSS; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is a department of the County of El Dorado and is overseen by the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, HHSA's Child Welfare Program is responsible for protecting children who either do not have a parent, guardian, or custodian, or children whose parents, guardians, or custodians are unable to provide for the care or supervision of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, FFAs are organized and operated on a non-profit basis and are engaged in recruiting, certifying, and training foster parents; providing professional support to foster parents; and finding homes or other temporary or permanent placements; and

**WHEREAS**, County, as the FFA placement agency, access licensed private FFAs for the placement of children who require more intensive care; and

**WHEREAS**, CDSS mandates that placement agencies use for "SOC 154A" to place children in FFAs; and

**WHEREAS**, the SOC 154A defines the roles and responsibilities of both the FFA and the Placement Agency, and the SOC 154A can only be executed with those FFAs who have met the CDSS requirements for a FFA license; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2016, the Board of Supervisors did adopt and approve Resolution 061-2016 thereby authorizing the use of the SOC 154A document for placement of children into FFAs; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 16122, the Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP) was created in 1999, and the State has been responsible for the collection and processing of claims for reimbursement of adoption placements and adoption finalization; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2020, CDSS released All County Letter No. 20-85 which discusses the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1301: Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program (PAARP); and

**WHEREAS**, in summary AB 1301 established that effective July 1, 2020, county child welfare agencies assume local control of the PAARP and are required to compensate licensed private adoption

agencies for the costs associated with supporting families through the process of adopting children and non-minor dependents eligible for Adoption Assistance Program benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of AB 1301, the adoption agency must submit to the County of the child's dependency jurisdiction a signed Foster Family Agency Agreement (SOC 154A, revised 2020), and PAARP form AD 4040; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution hereby amends and replaces Resolution 061-2020 in its entirety effective upon execution of this Resolution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the current CDSS form SOC 154A, approved by the County Board of Supervisors effective April 16, 2016 for placement of children in Foster Family Agencies, is hereby replaced in its entirety by SOC 154A (revised 2020) attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado hereby delegate authority to the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute future Foster Family Agency boilerplate agreements, using the "Placement Agency-Foster Family Agency Agreement, revised 2020" template, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 20th day of October, 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:   
Deputy Clerk

Ayes : Hidahl, Frentzen, Veerkamp, Parlin, Novasel  
Noes : None  
Absent : None

By:   
Brian Veerkamp, Chair  
Board of Supervisors