



April 12, 2019

## STAFF REPORT

**MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION**

**FROM: MICHELE BLAKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSIMMONY ASSESSMENT TOLL**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission grant authority to the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Persimmony International, Inc. to purchase the First 5 Assessment Tool.

**BACKGROUND:** Executive Director initially brought this item before the Commission in December 2018. At that time, the agreement between Sutter County Health and Human Services and Persimmony was tentative, and therefore the Commission asked Executive Director for postponement of this item until a contract was realized between Persimmony and Sutter County Health and Human Services.

An agreement has been entered by Sutter County Health and Human Services with Persimmony for Electronic Case Management beginning July 1, 2019. This partnership between Sutter County Health and Human Services and Persimmony allows the opportunity for Sutter County Children & Families Commission to purchase an "add on" component that is specific to the needs of Commission programming/services/evaluations/state reporting. This "add on" component is called the First 5 Assessment tool.

The First 5 Assessment tool will provide complete, customizable solutions for Sutter County Children & Families Commission. Persimmony Online Data solutions will allow the Commission to collect qualitative and quantitative data, program assessments, client demographics and authorization information (medical, financial, educational and governmental data). These data groups will allow staff to track, report and deliver outcomes-based data aligned to the Strategic and operational plans. The Assessment Tool will provide The Administrative Module that provides a secure interface for Commission and program/contract staff to set up and manage unlimited initiatives with unique milestones and assessments, including referral and contract monitoring and even GIS maps that can be viewed, saved or printed.

**IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES:**

The initial impact to the Sutter County Children & Families Commission budget is a cost not to exceed \$15,500 in FY 19/20 and \$13,865 in FY 20/21. FY 21/22 and thereafter, it will be proposed to have future Commission contracts contribute to the cost of the Assessment Tool in their evaluation budget as a sustainability measure for the Assessment Tool.

If approved, requested funds for FY 19/20 and FY 20/21 will be allocated from the MAA/TCM revenues transfer from HHS SB910 Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and Targeted Case Management (TCM) to Children & Families.

**POLICY ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of the Executive Director's recommendation.