

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bob Dunstan, Director of Human Services Division
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: November 6, 2007

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Approve a Resolution commending Cindy Woodyard-Lowe for her 27 years as a Placer County employee with the Health and Human Services Department.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Resolution commending Cindy Woodyard-Lowe for her 27 years as a Placer County employee with the Health and Human Services Department.

BACKGROUND

Cindy began her career with Placer County Health and Human Services on September 20, 1980. Her first position with the department was as an Eligibility Worker. She worked in this capacity and then promoted to the level of Senior Eligibility Worker. Then in 1987, she advanced to Vocational Counselor in the newly created Greater Avenues for Independence or 'GAIN' program. Here she promoted the strategy and value of providing employment services to clients receiving public assistance. In 1990, she took on the position of Eligibility Supervisor, with the intent to open opportunities to advance her career into the field of management and supervision. In 1996, Cindy was promoted to Program Supervisor over the GAIN program and was instrumental in assisting the department in transitioning the program in order to implement the newly enacted welfare reform legislation. In 1998, Cindy was promoted to serve as HHS' Program Manager in Tahoe. Her skills and abilities were immediately apparent, as it was only within a year that she was again promoted – this time to serve as the Division Head for the Human Services division of the department. Cindy held this position for seven years, until requesting to return to the position of Program Manager, presumably in anticipation of her transition into retirement.

Cindy's skill as a caseworker, program supervisor, program manager, and division director, along with her dedication and compassion for public service has made a significant difference in the many lives she touched while a Placer County employee. Throughout her 27-year history with the county, Cindy has shown herself to be a person of integrity and excellent judgment. She has truly been an asset to the clients and families she has served and to the County of Placer.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the matter of a Resolution commending
Cynthia Woodyard-Lowe for over 27 years of
dedicated service to Placer County.

Resolution No. 2007-355

WHEREAS, Cynthia "Cindy" Woodyard-Lowe has been a valued manager demonstrating leadership, vision and foresight in Placer County for more than 27 years, and

WHEREAS, Cindy's many talents, loyalty, integrity, historical knowledge, and good judgment have played a critical part with the development of the Health and Human Services Department, and the provision of services for the citizenry of Placer County, and

WHEREAS, During Cindy's extensive career with Placer County, she has held the positions of Eligibility Worker, Vocational Counselor, Eligibility Supervisor, GAIN Supervisor, Client Services Program Manager, and Program Director, and

WHEREAS, During Cindy's seven years as the division head for Human Services, she administered the public assistance, employment services, Community Services Block Grant, child care, and housing voucher programs for Placer County, and

WHEREAS, Cindy led the implementation of the CalWORKS Information Network System (CalWIN). She was acknowledged by her peer county directors for the success she achieved in piloting the system. Cindy also successfully implemented the Electronic Benefits Identification Card System in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, Cindy assisted in leading the Placer County Consortium on Homelessness and Affordable Housing to address community needs and to identify and develop services, and acted as a member of the Child Care Advisory Committee for many years to address the needs of children and their families in Placer County, and

WHEREAS, Cindy has constantly recognized the accomplishments of others and has always approached her work in a diligent, enthusiastic, and highly ethical manner, and has always approached her positions with Placer County with the client's, staff's, and county's best interest in mind; and

WHEREAS, Cindy has been a role model for those having the privilege to know and work with her, a privilege that shall continue to provide a positive direction long after her work for Placer County is done.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, acknowledge with deep appreciation, Cynthia Woodyard-Lowe's distinguished service to Placer County, and wish her well in her retirement and any new ventures she pursues.

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