

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Human Services Division

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Graham Knaus, Director of Administrative Services

DATE: June 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Welfare Case Data System Management Agreement with California State Association of Counties

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an agreement with the California State Association of Counties to act as the fiscal agent and provide management for the Welfare Case Data Systems consortium from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$41,296, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the contract amount. There are no County General Funds in this contract and these costs are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

BACKGROUND:

Welfare Case Data Systems (WCDS) is a consortium of 18 California counties that utilize the same welfare eligibility verification computer system. Placer County has been part of the WCDS consortium for over 20 years. The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), as the fiscal agent for the consortium, provides day-to-day evaluation of data processing contractors, establishes and maintains an ongoing relationship with the State Department of Social Services, and maintains records for the WCDS Systems Management staff.

The WCDS staff serves as the liaison between the consortium counties, the State and the Electronic Data Systems Corporation, the vendor responsible for the welfare eligibility verification computer system used by the consortium counties, known as the CalWORKs Welfare Information Network, or CalWIN. Among other things, they are responsible to submit annual budget requests to the State on behalf of the consortium and allocate the funds for claiming purposes. They also work very closely with EDS to make changes to CalWIN at the request of the counties or upon receipt of mandates from the State, and act on behalf of the counties in the consortium to appropriately utilize the resources available to manage changes to CalWIN.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The CSAC contract for FY 2009-10 totals \$1,557,286 for all eighteen Consortium counties. Placer County's portion of this agreement totals \$41,296. These costs are funded solely by State revenues which are included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget. No County General Fund contribution is required.

A copy of the Welfare Client Data Systems Management Agreement is file with Clerk of the Board for review.



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