

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
Cheryl S. Davis, Director, Human Services

DATE: June 8, 2010

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

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the following actions regarding contracts with the California State Association of Counties to act as the fiscal agent and provide management for the Welfare Case Data Systems consortium:

- a. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract CN005186 in the amount of \$16,560 for a revised FY2009-10 total amount of \$58,154,
- b. Approve a contract from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$49,439, and
- c. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting documents and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the contract amount.

The FY 2009-10 amendment is funded with County General Funds currently included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Final Budget. The FY 2010-11 contract is funded with 100 percent State funds. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 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, 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, the State and Hewlett Packard (formerly Electronic Data Systems Corporation), the vendor responsible for the computer system used by the consortium, known as the CalWORKs Welfare Information Network, or CalWIN. The FY 2010-11 contract totals \$1,779,789 for all 18 consortium counties. Placer County's portion is \$49,439 or 2.78 percent of the total.

With the economic difficulties experienced across the nation, demand for food stamps has increased to the highest level in history. In Placer County, the number of families receiving food stamps has almost doubled since 2007. To keep pace with demand with limited staff resources and increase processing efficiencies so families do not go without help, the Federal and State governments have authorized CalWIN system enhancements. The enhancements will provide working families and individuals in need with web-based access to determine if they may be eligible for assistance and, if so, to submit an electronic application - all without taking multiple trips to or spending long hours waiting at our offices. Currently, 450 individuals come to our assistance offices every day. While the enhancements will ease access to apply for assistance, to ensure the highest level of program integrity there are no changes in the review and approval processes. All counties in the consortium are required to provide matching funds for this initiative. The matching funds are held by CSAC and will be distributed to the appropriate vendors upon completion of required work.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract amount for FY 2010-11 of \$49,439 is included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. Funding for this contract includes 100 percent State funds. No County General Fund contribution is required. The FY 2009-10 amendment of \$16,560 is funded by required County General Fund match. These funds allow Placer County to draw down over \$6 million in Federal food stamp funds, and are currently included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Final Budget.

Copies of the CSAC Welfare Client Data Systems Management FY 2009-10 Amendment and FY 2010-11 Agreement are on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

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