



**MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMAN SERVICES
County of Placer**

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: September 25, 2018

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, for administering and providing TANF Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a non-monetary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, for administering and providing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) services for eligible Indian and Alaska Native families residing in Placer County for an infinite period beginning July 1, 2018 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the MOU with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and any subsequent non-monetary amendments consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Since June 1, 2010, The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians has been administering the Tribal TANF program for all eligible families in Sacramento, El Dorado and Placer Counties, when they took over for the Washoe Tribe of Northern California and Nevada, who had administered the programs for years before. Similar to the CalWORKs program, the Tribal TANF program serves families that meet income and eligibility criteria, providing cash aid and supportive services to assist parents in gaining and maintaining employment and to empower Native families to achieve self-sufficiency. There are a number of significant differences between Tribal TANF and CalWORKs. Whereas the County generally administers the CalWORKs programs, in order to better serve native families, the Tribal TANF program is administered by local tribal entities. The partnership has been successful, and has resulted in native families receiving a comprehensive web of support services and activities in a program that incorporates culture and traditions to strengthen and solidify the Native families and assist in addressing and resolving issues that create barriers to self-sufficiency.

The Memorandum of Understanding, previously renewed on a tri-annual basis, formalizes the agreement between the Tribe and the Department of Health and Human Services. As the agreement has been in place for several cycles without issue of concerns, at the request of The Tribe, and the agreement of the Department, with the concurrence of Risk Management and County Counsel, the MOU has been extended to recurring without a set end date. The Department and the Tribe agree to conduct an annual program review for the purpose of determining if any changes are needed in the Protocols to improve program administration, comply with applicable laws and regulations, and enhance services to TANF clients.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Native TANF program is funded with 100 percent Federal and State funds. No County General Fund match is required, and there is no fiscal impact to the County.

The agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

