



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMAN SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: November 14, 2017

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

SUBJECT: TALX – The Work Number Employment and Income Verification System MOU

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), for an indefinite period, for the purpose of authorizing Placer County's continued access to the TALX/Equifax Corporation a.k.a. The Work Number, to verify program participant's employment, income and other work related information.

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has entered into an agreement with TALX/Equifax Corporation a.k.a. The Work Number in order to provide access for all 58 California counties to the verification of employment and wages for CalWORKs, Welfare to Work and CalFresh program participants. This service is administered with funding provided by the CDSS at no cost to the counties. In order for Placer County to access this service, the County is required to enter into an MOU with CDSS for the purpose of authorizing County access to the employment verification service.

The MOU authorizes the County to retrieve and verify certain employment and/or income data of a consumer applying for or currently receiving public social service assistance where such information has been provided by employers. Access to this information streamlines the verification process used to determine initial and ongoing eligibility for benefits, and is also used in fraud detection activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this MOU.

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

