

**MEMORANDUM  
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Administration**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

**DATE:** July 22, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Understanding with Nevada County for Regional Services in the North Lake Tahoe Area

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nevada County for collaborative and regional health and human services in the North Lake Tahoe area from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$95,019 (\$14,250 net County cost) and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting MOU and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the original MOU amount, and, with concurrence of the Personnel Director, other amendments that are consistent with the MOU's subject matter and scope of work.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2008, Placer and Nevada counties have collaborated on a successful partnership to best serve the North Lake Tahoe area. The partnership includes sharing a Nevada County manager with Placer County to foster a more cohesive approach to the development and implementation of health and human services programming in the North Lake Tahoe area. This has enabled greater responsiveness for both counties while increasing the community presence of health and human services in the region. It has also created improved economies of scale for both counties in the day-to-day operations and emergency management.

This half-time assignment includes the following activities:

- Explore and develop plans for the delivery of collaborative and regional adult and child mental health services, Adult Protective Services, and Child Welfare Services.
- General management of Placer County HHS Tahoe operations, including ASOC, CSOC, Human Services, Public Health, Animal Services, and Environmental Health divisions.
- Emergency management and response, including coordination of mass care and shelter response to emergencies/disasters.
- Participation at stakeholder and department meetings.
- Provide community representation for Placer County HHS, including meetings of the Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee.
- Respond to inquiries from local stakeholders for information about Placer HHS programs.

For FY 2014-15, the Placer/Nevada County manager agreement reflects increased demands to better cover County operational needs and modifications to clarify the County-to-County relationship.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The MOU is funded with 85 percent Federal and State funds and 15 percent County General Funds. Funding for these services is included in the Department's FY 2014-15 Proposed Budget.

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

