

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: October 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Commendation Honoring Cheryl S. Davis, M.S., Health and Human Services Department,
Human Services Director, for Outstanding Service to Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve and present a Commendation honoring Cheryl S. Davis, M.S., Health and Human Services Department, Human Services Director, for outstanding service to Placer County.

BACKGROUND:

Cheryl was hired as the Human Services Director for the Placer County Health and Human Services Department on May 18, 2009. She is highly regarded as an outstanding leader in Human Services throughout the Country. Cheryl has received National and State awards for creatively designing business models that maximize responsiveness to residents and taxpayers far exceeding public and private sector standards.

Cheryl's 26-year career has centered on developing and implementing innovative and cost conscious solutions to vulnerable State and County residents. She began her public service for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency where she served as Community Services Department Director, implementing the first housing program for the homeless on a closing air force base.

Cheryl served as the Director of the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, leading the implementation of welfare reform, moving 32,000 families back to work. She received the "Best of the Best" award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and was named the "Regional Agency of the Year" by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

Cheryl served as the Chief Operating Officer of Project H.O.M.E. in Pennsylvania, securing funding to renovate a full city block of boarded up homes into affordable housing for first time homebuyers. As the Director of Employment and Training Programs for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Cheryl reduced public assistance caseloads, improved access to services for seniors, and raised work participation rates in the Welfare-to-Work program from 15% to 50% in just two years, moving 16,000 families back to work, the highest amount in Pennsylvania history.

Cheryl has improved the Placer County Housing Authority from "troubled status" to a high performer in two years, plus served as the architect for the Human Services Call Center, which answers 120,000 calls per year and outperforms nearly all call centers in the State with a 27 second answer time compared to the 60 second private sector standard, receiving awards from the National Association of Counties and the California State Association of Counties.

Cheryl successfully steered implementation of Federal Health Reform enrolling nearly all eligible County uninsured into the Medi-Cal and Covered California programs becoming a model for the State and other Counties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

October 7, 2014 In the matter of a Commendation Honoring Cheryl S. Davis, M.S., for her Remarkable Accomplishments on Behalf of Placer County Residents

WHEREAS, Cheryl was hired as the Human Services Director for the Placer County Health and Human Services Department on May 18, 2009. She is highly regarded as an outstanding leader in Human Services throughout the Country; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl has received National and State awards for creatively designing business models that maximize responsiveness to residents and taxpayers far exceeding public and private sector standards; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl's 26-year career has centered on developing and implementing innovative and cost conscious solutions to vulnerable State and County residents. She began her public service for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency where she served as Community Services Department Director, implementing the first housing program for the homeless on a closing air force base; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby presents this commendation to Cheryl S. Davis for her exemplary leadership in Health and Human Services, and to her outstanding dedication to the residents of Placer County.

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