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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tex Ritter

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the annual Plan of Cooperation (POC) between the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 (October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018), and authorizing the Director of Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support to sign the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: All Local Child Support Services program expenditures are reimbursed 100% by Federal and State General Fund monies and incentives.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) each year updates the Plan of Cooperation for execution with each Local Child Support Agency (LCSA). The Plan of Cooperation for FFY 2018 reflects the program responsibilities of the DCSS and the LCSAs.

Family Code (FC) §17202 designates the DCSS as the single organizational unit to administer the Title IV-D state plan for securing child and spousal support, medical support, and determining paternity. FC §17304(a) requires the Director of the DCSS to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements with county and state agencies to carry out the requirements of the state plan for administering the Title IV-D child support program.

The purpose of this Plan of Cooperation is to define responsibilities for securing child support, including child support establishment, collection, and disbursement services; medical support; determining paternity; and providing other public services in accordance with the provisions of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (SSA), Title 42 U.S.C. §651 et seq. The LCSA must ensure a current POC is on file as a condition of receiving federal and state funds from the DCSS. The LCSA responsibilities include the following:

- 1) Responsible to provide all Title IV-D program services as required by federal or state laws, regulations, policies, or directives within Sierra Nevada Regional as directed by the Department and described in the Plan of Cooperation.
- 2) Notify the Director and Regional Administrator of any situation or circumstance directly impacting the operation of the LCSA, including closure for holidays, furlough and other county specific circumstances.
- 3) Promptly notify the Director and Regional Administrator of changes in LCSA Leadership; these include Director, Assistant Director, or any other high-level management positions.
- 4) Conduct customer service surveys regularly and provide results monthly to the Department.
- 5) Prior to publishing any data, reports, or other research based on local or statewide IV-D information, submit to the Department for review and approval.

We respectfully request the Board of Supervisors approval to proceed as outlined in the Plan of Cooperation and Resolution.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Tex Ritter
Director of Child Support Services