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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 10, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Tex Ritter**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Nevada County District Attorney's Office (DA) and the Health and Human Services Agency - Department of Social Services (DSS) for DA to receive revenue from DSS, for services related to Welfare Fraud Control in the maximum amount of \$150,000 for FY 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded through available CalWORKs and CalFresh allocations and were budgeted in the FY 2018/19 department budget. There are no County General funds required in this Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

This is a renewal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the District Attorney's (DA) Office. The Agreement provides for the DA's assistance with the maintenance of a Special Investigative Unit (SIU) within DSS, but with the transfer of the primary responsibility for the investigation of suspected fraud to the DA's Office.

A county welfare department (Department of Social Services), depending on the CalWORKs caseload, may or may not be required to maintain a Special Investigative Unit and may establish an equivalent substitute unit in another county department under a plan of cooperation approved by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and may refer suspected fraud cases to the local prosecuting authority for the investigation and for coordination and cooperation with CDSS. It is the responsibility of the County and the Department of Social Services to pursue prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of fraud perpetrated in the course of public assistance benefit issuance.

The District Attorney's Office has the desired experience and expertise to assess, investigate, and prosecute suspected fraud in public assistance programs; therefore, DSS wishes to continue to

utilize the DA's services by entering into an agreement whereby DSS shall provide funding to enhance the DA's ability to provide welfare fraud control services for DSS.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal Memorandum of Understanding to continue the Department's commitment toward welfare fraud control in the course of public assistance benefit issuance.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services