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DATE OF MEETING: February 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Plan of Cooperation (POC) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 between the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services.

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 DCSS has prepared an updated FFY 2015 Plan of Cooperation for execution with each LCSA. The Plan of Cooperation 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 responsibilities include the following:

- 1) Ensure a current POC is on file as a condition of receiving federal and state funds from the DCSS.
- 2) Provide all Title IV-D program services within the Sierra/Nevada County as directed by the DCSS. The LCSA shall be responsible for providing Title IV-D services as required by federal or state laws, regulations, policies, or directives.
- 3) Notify the DCSS Director of any situation or circumstance directly impacting the operation of the local child support agency.
- 4) Notify the DCSS Director and Regional Administrator of changes in LCSA Leadership; including Director, Assistant Director, Chief Attorney, or any other high-level management positions.
- 5) Provide proposals for legislative initiatives to the DCSS for assessment and consideration.

In conclusion, the LCSA has reviewed and concurs with the submitted Plan of Cooperation. We respectfully request the Board of Supervisors approval to proceed as outlined in the Plan of Cooperation and Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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