



NEVADA COUNTY

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution to formally partner with CSAC for the “Results First” initiative.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution and sign the letter of invitation addressed to CSAC.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

BACKGROUND: CSAC and The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative have created a new partnership in an effort to support county leaders as they engage in evidence-based policy making in the adult criminal justice arena. The goal of the CSAC-Results First partnership is to develop in-state capacity to support California county leaders who seek to invest in programs that will produce the best outcomes for residents and the highest rate of return on the counties’ investments.

Results First staff and consultants provide intensive and tailored technical assistance to organize teams of county staff, build policymaker support, and create a sustainable process for evidence-based decision-making. Partner counties develop the capacity to:

- Create a comprehensive inventory of currently funded programs, including an assessment of the evidence for each program’s effectiveness;
- Build a customized benefit-cost model and conduct analysis to compare programs’ likely return on investment; and
- Use evidence to inform spending and policy decisions.

This is a great opportunity for Nevada County to be on the forefront of applying a relatively new approach to making criminal justice policy decisions. If Nevada County moves forward with the partnership, it will be the first rural county to participate in the initiative. Given Nevada County’s culture of innovation it is fitting that we will be paving the way for other rural counties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Item Initiated by: Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Associate

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