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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES) Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA); and 2) Resolution approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System and the County of Nevada, replacing the current - MOU and JPA. Action adds the County of Los Angeles to the existing JPA and MOU.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolutions.

FUNDING: MOU costs are supported by State and Federal CalWORKs, CalFresh and Medi-Cal administrative funding the Department receives. Services are within the Department's fiscal year 2017/18 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required. There is no anticipated increase in costs related to the addition of Los Angeles County into the existing JPA.

BACKGROUND: Welfare and Institutions Code section 10823 enabled the development of a multiple county Consortium as the foundation of the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) Project. The purpose of the Consortium, previously known as the California Statewide Automated Welfare System Consortium IV (C-IV Consortium), concept is to facilitate the collaboration of Counties in meeting their business needs in the areas of system planning, development, implementation, operations, and maintenance.

In 1998, C-IV established itself as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). As a JPA, C-IV provides a single legal entity, separate from its members, for purposes of managing C-IV and its C-IV System. C-IV is governed and administered by its Board of Directors through a regional representation model. In June 2007, per Resolution 07-081, the Board of Supervisors authorized the County of Nevada to join the C-IV Consortium with thirty-four additional California Counties,

bringing the total number of participating counties to thirty-nine. I currently sit as the representative of Region Six (Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt; Lake, Mendocino, Sutter, Yuba and Nevada counties) and am very involved in the governance of the C-IV consortia.

The C-IV System is a user-friendly, customer-based, on-line, and fully integrated information system designed to manage the data for beneficiaries in receipt of benefits for a number of public assistance programs. C-IV provides services to approximately 4.7 million beneficiaries and supports approximately 18,300 users in 39 counties.

On September 20, 2011, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 16 (ABX1 16), which set forth the C-IV migration which would result in a combined 40-County Consortium to replace the existing Los Angeles Eligibility, Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting (LEADER) system.

In 2016 the State of California approved a replacement system using the C-IV platform to replace Los Angeles' outdated mainframe and client server architecture that supports a user base of approximately 22,000 users, providing services to approximately 4.7 million additional beneficiaries.

If adopted, the proposed amended and restated JPA and MOU will allow Nevada County to join the new CalACES Consortium and will provide enhanced system improvements for county staff who operate in the current C-IV system. Immediate legal and fiscal responsibilities will remain with San Bernardino County as they were in the current C-IV consortium format. Any future amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement will require a return to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The C-IV Consortium has proven to be a good asset to the County related to the delivery of eligibility services, and the Department of Social Services supports the JPA's desire to include Los Angeles County into the Joint Powers Agreement as it will bring improvements to the current C-IV platform.

Respectfully Submitted,

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director of Social Services