

April 03, 2007

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, Public Assistance Branch: Agreement with the California Statewide Automated Welfare System Consortium IV (CONSORTIUM) to replace Marin County welfare computer system.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the President to sign and execute the Memorandum of Understanding;
2. Authorize the President to sign and execute the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

SUMMARY: California County Welfare Departments use one of four systems to facilitate their determinations of whether applicants are eligible for welfare programs, including Medi-Cal, CalWORKS, Food Stamps or CMSP. Marin is one of 35 counties currently using the automated welfare computer system known as the Interim Statewide Automated Welfare System ("ISAWS") for this process. Marin originally implemented the ISAWS system in 1996. The ISAWS technology is now out of date, and counties, including Marin, are experiencing recurring system performance and maintenance issues.

The consortium of ISAWS counties will be replacing ISAWS with the C-IV system. This system will be similar to ISAWS, in that it will integrate the eligibility determinations for the various programs, but it will provide greater flexibility and reliability than the current ISAWS system. Implementation of C-IV will be done on a Statewide basis and much of the cost of the system, and of the transition to the system, will be absorbed by State and federal funds.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ensure that Marin County will have full access to the C-IV system and to the determinations that will be made regarding its implementation.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: The new C-IV system will help ensure the timeliness, accuracy and cost effectiveness of public assistance programs and services and allow County welfare recipients to receive accurate and timely eligibility determinations.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no cost or County expenditures associated with the approval of the proposed documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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No Merit document