

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Approve agreement with the California Welfare Directors Association of California to provide healthcare reform support

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to enter into an agreement with the California Welfare Directors Association for the period of November 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
2. Authorize the Director of DPSS to administer the contract.

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Departmental Concurrence

Susan Loew

Susan Loew, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$100,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	12-13

SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Federal Funding: 0%	State Funding: 0%;	County Funding: 0%;	Realignment Funding: 0%;	Other Funding: 0%	
				Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent |

Dept't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

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BACKGROUND (Continued):

The County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) is a non-profit association representing the human service directors from each of California's 58 counties and is an affiliate member of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

In 2010, H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was signed into law. Over the last year, CWDA has been actively engaged in discussions with the Department of Health Care Services and the Health Benefit Exchange to prepare for the implementation of health care reform in FY 2013/14. While many details have yet to be finalized, the Health Benefit Exchange has approved an operational plan that includes county welfare departments administering the expanded Medi-Cal eligibility as well as related plan enrollment for those individuals and families.

There are numerous policy and programmatic changes that will have to be implemented within the next year and given the critical nature of these decisions, CWDA is hiring additional staff for a temporary period to support counties and closely coordinate with the Health Benefit Exchange, DHCS, and CDSS.

The first phase of this assignment includes the development of implementation tools and a readiness checklist along with a defined process for disseminating the information and supporting counties with implementation activities. This staff support will be available to counties through 2013 and the early part of 2014 to ensure that we are fully equipped to manage all of the changes resulting from health care reform.

This activity is claimable to Medi-Cal, which is 100% State and Federally funded; however, Riverside County is one of the few counties that utilizes a State approved direct charge methodology that would allow for this cost to be fully charged to Medi-Cal.

Riverside County's funding allocation will not be adversely impacted by this agreement. There is a long standing practice among counties to shift allocations administratively to ensure that different operational issues are addressed. This is the most direct mechanism to ensure that all counties have adequate support to prepare for the changes associated with health care reform.

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