

DEPARTMENT: Human Services/Social Services

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

Financial Impact? () Yes (x) No Current FY Cost:
 Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes (x) No () Partially Funded
 Amount in Budget: \$ _____
 Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____
 Source: Contracts/Grants _____
 Internal Transfer _____
 Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote
 Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote
 Contingency _____ 4/5's vote
 () General () Other

Annual Recurring Cost:

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Board Memo pg. 1-2

County Plan Addendum pg. 3-14

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No. 07-36 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

_____ Requested Action Recommended
 _____ No Opinion
 Comments:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

CAO: _____



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Alcohol & Drug Community Action Housing Authority Mental Health Public Guardian/Conservator Social Services
CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, MSW, DIRECTOR

June 22, 2007

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
 Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Social Service / CalWORKs Welfare-To-Work County Plan Addendum
 Required by Assembly Bill 1808

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended that your Board:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Human Services Director to sign the certification that the County Board of Supervisors have been briefed regarding the contents of the Plan addendum.

BACKGROUND

Your Board adopted a CalWORKs Plan for the Mariposa County Department of Human Services on December 2, 1997. This Plan describes, in part, how the Department will work with individuals to help them move from public assistance to becoming self-sufficient. The Welfare to Work Unit of the department plays a large role in helping participants navigate through obstacles that are keeping them from achieving their employment goals. In addition to job preparation, the Unit assists individuals to address any substance abuse issues they may have as well as prevent and stop domestic violence. They also strive to reduce out-of-wedlock births and encourage the healthy maintenance of two-parent families.

Assembly Bill 1808 requires all County Welfare to Work departments to submit a County Plan Addendum to address how the department will implement the changes required by the State. AB 1808 requires the California counties to identify strategies and policies to improve work participation rates. The State is worried that they are not meeting federal requirements for work participation. It is the goal of Mariposa County to fully engage clients in welfare to work activities which will lead to self-sufficiency.

CURRENT SITUATION

In keeping with Assembly Bill 1808, the Human Services Department has prepared the attached County Plan Addendum which outlines the necessary updates to the original CalWORKs Plan. Some of the updates include taking a more up-front approach in addressing client non-compliance in the Welfare to Work Program (WtW). Examples include creating a flier that highlights the benefits of the program and presenting it to the participant at the initial contact when they apply for cash aid as well as giving the participant a business card for the WtW Case Manager whom he/she will be working with. For those individuals who currently have a financial penalty against their cash aid for non-participation, the WtW Case Manager will arrange to meet with that person during the Eligibility recertification interview in order to engage the individual and encourage him/her to begin participating. We will also conduct home visits for those

participants who are non-compliant in order to determine possible barriers to participation.

FINANCIAL

Funds have been budgeted for 2007/2008. This service will be paid from state and federal funds. There is no impact to the county general fund.