RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Please see attachment.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 2007-84  Ord. No. _______
Vote – Ayes: 5  Noes: _______
Absent: _______
Approved ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
☑ Requested Action Recommended  No Opinion
Comments:

CAO:  __________________________
February 23, 2007

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
    Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Social Service Department / Approval and Authorization to Enter Into the Joint
    Powers Agreement and By-laws for the Transition from the Existing ISAWS
    Automated Welfare Computer System to the Statewide Automated Welfare
    System Consortium-IV

Recommendation

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Background

In 1996, Mariposa County Human Services, Social Services Division, converted from a manual
eligibility determination system to a computerized system. The ISAWS (Interim Statewide
Automated Welfare System) is still being used. Because of outdated technology and insufficient
capacity this system is becoming obsolete. There is a need to migrate to a more proficient
automated system.

Current Situation

Without a proposed limited one to two year extension, the current vendor of the ISAWS system
(Unysis) and the State will not support ISAWS after 2008. With the proposed extension, the
deadline is 2010. The Social Services Division reviewed the two State options for a mandatory
automated welfare system: (1) CalWIN; and (2) C-IV. C-IV was selected in 2003 for its user-
friendly design, advanced technology, vendor commitment to provide support over time, and
capacity for regulation and system changes. During the initial and ongoing presentations,
neither CalWIN nor C-IV provided up front cost comparisons.

Thirty-five (35) of the California counties currently use ISAWS. All 35 ISAWS counties have
decided to migrate to the C-IV system. Four pilot counties (one being Merced) are currently
using C-IV with success. The C-IV Workgroup sought review and comment from County
Counsellors, Boards of Supervisors and had extensive input from the county departments of social
service. They have now finalized the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and By-laws which
are attached for approval.
Financial

The new system will most probably be paid for through a combination of federal, state, and realignment funds. While the C-IV Governance Workgroup has not provided fiscal details, it is anticipated that as the C-IV system goes out to vendor bid, further information will be released. It is important that we work with CWDA and CSAC, if necessary, to contain realignment costs. The Department will monitor the development of the cost for the system and the distribution of those costs between the counties.

Ongoing maintenance and system operations are expected to be similar to what has been paid with the ISAWS system. However, ongoing cost estimates, like procurement expenses, need to be monitored.

Any financial difficulties will be brought to the attention of your Board for you to have the information necessary to make decisions and to assist us through RCRC and CSAC.