



Consortia Eligibility System (Cal ACES). CalACES formed on September 1, 2017, through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), and is comprised of forty (40) California counties.

The remaining 18 California counties, including Solano County, participate in the Welfare Client Data System (WCDS) consortium to manage and maintain the CalWORKS Information Network (CalWIN). The 18 WCDS counties have already begun working with the 40 CalACES counties in the development of CalSAWS for use by all 58 counties. Migration of all 58 counties to one system, CalSAWS, has been mandated by the Federal Government by 2023.

To prepare for the single system migration, representatives from CalACES, WCDS, and the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) formed the CalSAWS Leadership Team to collaborate on a CalSAWS governance structure and to identify issues requiring the procurement and implementation of certain shared computer services needed for all counties to eventually integrate into a single CalSAWS. The CalSAWS Leadership Team recommended that CalACES assume the legal responsibility for the procurement and execution of contracts with vendors for these shared services on behalf of CalACES and the WCDS counties for implementation by all 58 counties.

The MOU (Attachment A) has been developed between CalACES and WCDS in order for CalACES to procure and manage all needed shared services. All other WCDS/CalWIN consortium counties will also obtain necessary approvals of the MOU.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. If future contracts procured or developed by CalACES have any related net county cost, H&SS will return to the Board with details and to obtain any necessary approvals. The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to approve this MOU. This is not recommended as the State, and thus the 58 counties within the State, have been directed by the Federal Government to migrate to a single statewide automated welfare system (CalSAWS). The memorandum of understanding is necessary to enable WCDS, the consortium Solano County is a member of, to be in compliance.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding as to form.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**