



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator
Date: November 3, 2014
Subject: Significant Issues Update

1) County Administrator's Update on Contracts

The County Administrator signed the following contracts of significance since the last Significant Issues update:

- Department of the Treasurer / Tax Collector / County Clerk, a one year extension of the contract for the provision of Credit Card Services with FIS Metavante, as per the delegation of the Board of Supervisors in 2010. This is the second 12-month extension, as approved by the CAO, maintaining the original contract amount of \$411,106, established on Oct. 28, 2010, from Nov. 1, 2014 to Nov. 1, 2015. This contract extension has no additional fiscal impact to the County.

2) State of California Issues Proposed Rules to Administer IHSS Overtime

The State of California issued proposed rules to administer IHSS overtime required by the IRS effective January 1, 2015, requiring overtime payment to IHSS providers for more than 40 hours worked per week.

SBs 855 and 873 limit overtime to 26 hours per week and provide guidance for counties to authorize and monitor overtime use. The guidelines limit use of overtime to IHSS activities, travel between appointments and wait times for medical services.

The State requires County Social Workers to authorize the overtime before providers can use it. If providers repeatedly violate the overtime rules, counties must provide training. Current and new providers also must attend orientation meeting on overtime. During the month of October, the State will start rolling out new time sheet forms and work agreements for providers and recipients.

County staff will be required to respond to recipients' questions on the new complicated rules and provide assistance to providers how to adequately report their overtime. HSS Staff is currently evaluating the staffing levels needed to adhere to the new State rules for overtime.

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