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Human Services and Probation Departments recommending the Board review and approve the 2009 Child Welfare Services County Self Assessment for submittal as required to the California Department of Social Services.

FUNDING: N/A.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No change. There is no cost associated with submittal of the County Self Assessment.

Reason for Recommendation:

A County Self Assessment is a required component of the Child Welfare Services Outcome and Accountability System that commenced operation in California in 2004 pursuant to State Law (Assembly Bill 636), proceeds on an ongoing triennial cycle and focuses primarily on measuring outcomes in safety, permanence and child and family well-being. As a prerequisite to receiving child welfare services funding, local jurisdictions must participate in an evaluation process that includes a County Peer Quality Case Review (PQCR), County Self-Assessment (CSA) and County System Improvement Plan (SIP).

This CSA represents a County-wide analysis of child welfare services in El Dorado County and was developed by the El Dorado County Departments of Probation and Human Services in collaboration with local community partners specified by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Community input was sought through distribution of a comprehensive survey that asked over sixty community partners and their extended contacts to identify those services they felt generated the best outcomes in the identified focus areas, as well as local barriers to provision of services, and to offer suggestions for service improvements.

The CSA incorporates County demographic data; local child welfare services outcomes as compared to federal and state program measures; public agency characteristics, such as the size and structure of public agencies that provide child welfare services in the County; systemic factors, such as case review systems; services available in the County; County-wide prevention activities and strategies, community responses to the CSA survey and results of the County's Peer Quality Case Review that was conducted in May 2008.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Human Services to submit the 2009 El Dorado County Self Assessment to the California Department of Social Services prior to the March 22, 2009 submittal deadline.

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Concurrences: N/A