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STAFF REPORT

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 in total amount not to exceed [\$23,706,750.47 (\$6,096,871.64 for FY24; \$5,869,959.61 for FY25; \$5,869,959.61 for FY26; \$5,869,959.61 for FY27)]; and if approved authorize the Chair to execute the Contract. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Human Services Agency is requesting the Board approve an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 in total amount not to exceed [\$23,706,750.47 (\$6,096,871.64 for FY24; \$5,869,959.61 for FY25; \$5,869,959.61 for FY26; \$5,869,959.61 for FY27)]; and if approved authorize the Chair to execute the Contract.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 22, 2023, Item 12, the Board approved an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2021 to

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June 30, 2023 in total amount not to exceed [\$13,152,047.50 (\$6,525,162.00 for FY22; \$6,626,885.50 for FY23)].

On March 9, 2021, Item 10, the Board approved Amendment #1 to the current Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities amending the total contract amount not to exceed [\$12,772,750.14].

On April 14, 2020 item 15, the Board approved the revised Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 in total amount not to exceed [\$12,525,019.94 (\$5,828,646.98 for FY20; \$6,696,372.96 for FY21.)

On October 22, 2019, Item 10, the Board approved the revised Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 for a projected amount of [\$5,000,000] per fiscal year.

On August 27, 2019, Item 15, the Board approved an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 for a projected amount of [\$5,000,000] per fiscal year.

On January 9, 2018, Item 14, the Board approved an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019 for a projected amount of [\$5,000,000] per fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with NRS 439B, hospitals with 100 or more beds, located in a county where there are at least two hospitals operating that have 100 or more beds, will be assessed an annual amount of inpatient hospital care that must be provided to patients deemed as “Indigent”. The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) assesses this annual amount equal to 0.6 % of the net revenue for the hospital’s preceding fiscal year.

Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 428 sets out the duty of counties to provide relief and aid to indigent individuals. As required by NRS 428.015, there are ordinances to assist in carrying out this goal. Washoe County Code Section 45.050, entitled “Indigent care assistance program” assigns to the Human Services Agency the obligation to “provide a service delivery system to meet the medical and health care needs of eligible program applicants. For each fiscal year, the board shall, in preparation of its final budget, allocate money for assistance to eligible program applicants pursuant to NRS 428.295.” The County Match program (NRS 428.285(4) and 422.272) is a joint county/state/federal program in which the county provides the non-federal share of the cost of medical services for eligible county residents in long term care facilities.

The Interlocal Contract was received by the Human Services Agency on November 29, 2023; therefore, retroactive approval is requested.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this Interlocal Contract there will be no additional impact to the FY24 Human Services Agency, Indigent Fund (F221) FY24 adopted budget as there is sufficient authority within the Indigent Fund in cost center 210100 (Indigent Assistance) and GL 710725 (Nursing Home Match).

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 in total amount not to exceed [\$23,706,750.47 (\$6,096,871.64 for FY24; \$5,869,959.61 for FY25; \$5,869,959.61 for FY26; \$5,869,959.61 for FY27)]; and if approved authorize the Chair to execute the Contract.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies between the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Health Care Financing and Policy and Welfare and Supportive Services Divisions and Washoe County to maintain the County Match Program, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, assistance to individuals in long term care facilities retroactive to July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 in total amount not to exceed [\$23,706,750.47 (\$6,096,871.64 for FY24; \$5,869,959.61 for FY25; \$5,869,959.61 for FY26; \$5,869,959.61 for FY27)]; and if approved authorize the Chair to execute the Contract.”*