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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 21, 2019

DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Amber Howell Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Care Financing and Policy and Washoe County, in an annual amount of FY20 [\$1,434,812] and FY21 [\$1,212,262] for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 for the Disproportionate Share Program for certain indigent services. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

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Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 12, 2017, Item 18, the Board approved the Interlocal contract for the DSH Program for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

On July 14, 2015, Item 17, the Board approved the Interlocal contract for the DSH Program for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

On June 25, 2013, Item 19, the Board approved the Interlocal contract for the DSH Program for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

On June 28, 2011, Item 30, the Board approved the Interlocal contract for the Intergovernmental Transfer Program for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

The Board has approved agreements in a biennial basis beginning in 2003.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The Intergovernmental Transfer Program allows Washoe County to benefit from the Medicaid Program known as the Disproportionate Share Program (DSH). Under this program the Nevada Medicaid Program receives federal funds, which are allocated to those hospital providers that serve a disproportionate share of Medicaid patients. Renown Medical Center is the only northern Nevada hospital provider that is eligible to receive DSH payments.

The Intergovernmental Transfer Program has been in its current form since 2001 when the State Legislature passed A.B. 377. Pursuant to A.B. 377, Washoe County was required to transfer \$1.5 million to the State Medicaid program each year of the biennium, which served as matching funds for the DSH Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this agreement is included in the Department's proposed FY20 budget in Fund 221 – Indigent Fund cost center 210100 G/L 710400 – Payments to Other Agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the board agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be to "Move to approve an Interlocal Contract Between Public Agencies, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Care Financing and Policy and Washoe County, in an annual amount of FY20 [\$1,434,812] and FY21 [\$1,212,262] for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 for the Disproportionate Share Program for certain indigent services."