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Mr. Todd R. Bland, Deputy Director
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State of California Health & Human Services Agency
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Dear Mr. Bland:

As the Chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express the Board's strong support for the Contra Costa County CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative County proposal.

The proposed Contra Costa County Home Visiting Initiative (CCCHVI) presents an opportunity to address unmet needs for home visiting services in Contra Costa County not only for the general target population, but more specifically for CalWORKs participants. The expansion of already existing evidence-based, high-quality, and culturally responsive home visiting services will support the positive health, development, and well-being outcomes for pregnant and parenting women, families, and infants born into poverty.

The CCCHVI will build on the success of already existing evidence-based home visiting initiatives in Contra Costa County by expanding the capacity of those programs to better serve the CalWORKs population. The CCCHVI will also expand and support new infrastructure that will facilitate stronger coordination and continuous quality improvement among the various partners.

Our CCCHVI partners will include:

1. Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) Workforce Service Bureau (WFS) (the County Welfare Services Bureau)
2. Contra Costa County Health Services (the County Department of Public Health)
3. Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department Community Services Bureau (CSB)
4. First 5 Contra Costa
5. Aspiranet

The CCCHVI will implement two home visiting models: the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) home visiting program currently operated by Health Services, and the Early Head Start home visiting (EHS-HV) program which is jointly operated by CSB and First 5 Contra Costa, and delivered through Aspiranet. WFS will serve as the lead for this project and will work closely with the two home visiting programs to ensure smooth referrals, screening,

communications, and case conferencing between the home visiting and CalWORKs and Welfare-to-Work programs.

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is confident in the strong collaboration of these agencies and their ability to implement the proposed program based on currently existing and successful collaborations and relationships in serving the CalWORKs population.

First, the two home visiting programs have a history of excellence in serving the community and have strong past performance to build upon in serving new clients. Second, the partners in the proposed program have pre-existing relationships with each other which will form a foundation for further collaboration. Finally, the collaborative process the group engaged in to develop the Home Visiting Initiative County plan is indicative of this group's commitment to successful collaboration and implementation of the CCCHVI.

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors believes in expanding and further solidifying service delivery models that target those in poverty. We are especially interested in services that provide the necessary support for CalWORKs recipients to assist them towards economic sufficiency. We view the CCCHVI as a much-needed effort towards enhanced outcomes for CalWORKs recipients.

Sincerely,



Karen Mitchoff, Chairwoman
Contra Costa County
Board of Supervisors