

Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Social Services is requesting reallocation of five positions to meet the needs of our expanding programs within the Aging & CalWORKs Employment Services (ACES) Branch.

CalWORKs Employment Services is integrating the Workforce Solutions subsidized employment program into its wider Welfare to Work program in order to enhance coordination with participant's welfare to work plans and on-going case management. Previously, it was operated by the Office for Employment Training. DSS recommends reallocating four (-4) vacant Eligibility Worker II (25E21) positions to one (1) Employment & Training Supervisor (60H31), two (2) Employment & Training Workers III (60H21), and one (1) Office Assistant II (80E21). These staff will assume responsibilities related to employment and job development functions necessary for ongoing development of the Workforce Solutions program. The goal of this subsidized employment program is to place customers in subsidized jobs to gain both soft skills and work experiences that enhance their opportunities for permanent positions at the end of their time-limited subsidized job placements. This enhances customers' opportunities to find and sustain employment on the path toward self-sufficiency.

Additionally, in Adult Services programs a vacant Supervising Office Assistant I (80E81) is recommended for reallocation to an Administrative Services Assistant (14C70) to better organize staff resources within the administrative operations of the Branch. This position will focus on program/policy development and enhanced program monitoring to ensure that the customers receive the appropriate services, particularly in the changing environment of health reform and In Home Supportive Services.

For these reasons, the Department is recommending these positions should be reallocated.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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The Human Resources Department and Merit Systems Services have reviewed and concur with the recommended actions.

FINANCING:

For FY 2014-15, the additional cost associated with the reallocation of these positions between classifications is estimated at \$82,401, annually. These additional costs are 93% funded with program revenues (federal/state) and realignment supports the remaining 7% (\$5,750) and based upon current knowledge, is sustainable for future years. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in SOC005 are included in the FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. The recommended actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

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Attachment: Position Summary of Changes