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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – CHILD WELFARE SERVICES OFFICERS’ TRANSITION AUDIT

FINAL REPORT

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Enclosed is our report on the Health and Human Services Agency – Child Welfare Services Officers' Transition Audit. As there are no findings and recommendations in the report, no audit response is required.

Thank you for the courteousness and cooperation extended to the Office of Audits & Advisory Services during the course of the audit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (858) 495-5661.

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INTRODUCTION

Audit Objective The Office of Audits & Advisory Services (OAAS) has completed an officers' transition audit for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) – Child Welfare Services (CWS), North Central Region. The objective of the audit was to determine if there is reasonable assurance that the outgoing officer, Kimberly Giardina, and incoming officer, Petros Alemeselassie, took appropriate actions and filed required reports as of July 5, 2019 in compliance with California Codes, County regulatory requirements, and County policies and procedures.

Background The County Charter, Section 801.1(a), requires that OAAS conduct such an audit when County officers leave or assume office to determine if certain affidavits, authorizations, disclosures, and reports are properly completed and processed. These actions provide for an orderly transition of officers, establish proper accountability for public assets, and promote the County's General Management System (GMS); including its key disciplines of accountability, transparency and ethical conduct, fiscal stability, and continuous improvement and innovation.

Audit Scope & Limitations The reports are the responsibility of the officer who signs them. OAAS' responsibility is to provide an opinion on the reports based upon the audit.

The audit was limited in scope to testing of Fixed Assets, Minor Equipment, and Materials & Supplies for the CWS North Central Region.

This audit was conducted in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing prescribed by the Institute of Internal Auditors as required by California Government Code, Section 1236.

Methodology OAAS reviewed all of the reports filed by the outgoing and incoming officers, obtained supporting documentation, and performed limited internal control testing.

AUDIT RESULTS

Summary In our opinion, there is reasonable assurance that the outgoing and incoming officers took appropriate actions and filed required reports without exception, and in compliance with California Codes, County regulatory requirements, and County policies and procedures in connection with an officer's transition.

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